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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** **KARREN APRIL A. NOROÑO-GABION**  
Officer-in-Charge  
Public Information and Assistance Division (PIAD)

**THRU :** **ALEXANDRA Y. LUMONTAD**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

**FROM :** **ATTY. DANILO M. CAMPOS JR.**  
Chief, Law Division

**SUBJECT :** **PUBLICATION IN THE BOC WEBSITE OF THE ISSUED  
WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION (WSD)**

**DATE :** **11 AUGUST 2025**

This refers to the herein attached issued Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD):

1. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 235-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php290,000.00) Philippine Currency, confiscated from incoming passenger **LEE JONGHWAN** on 11 April 2025; and
2. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 240-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Three Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php300,000.00) brought in by Korean Traveler named **JEJIN RYU** on 17 July 2025.

As the aforementioned passengers/claimants have indicated insufficient addresses in the Philippines, the WSDs must be served by posting in the bulletin board of this Port and by electronic posting in the BOC website for fifteen days, as provided under Section 6.5.2 of CAO No. 10-2020, to wit:

**6.5.2.** To the owner of the goods or his authorized representative.

For the purpose of serving the WSD, the importer, consignee, named in the bill of lading or airway bill, or possessor shall be deemed the owner of the goods.



If the owner is unknown, with insufficient address, or a foreign entity or individual, service shall be effected by posting of the WSD by the ESS in the bulletin board of the concerned collection district office, **and by electronic posting through the BOC website, or printed publication, for fifteen (15) days.**

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully requests that the copy of the WSD on **Seizure Identification Nos. 235-2025 (NAIA) and 240-2025 (NAIA)**, respectively, be electronically posted with the BOC website for fifteen (15) days. A copy of said warrant is herein attached. Furthermore, scanned copies thereof were also forwarded to [Piad@customs.gov.ph](mailto:Piad@customs.gov.ph) and [Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph](mailto:Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph).



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Two Hundred Ninety Thousand  
Pesos (Php290,000.00) Philippine  
Currency, confiscated from  
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JONGHWAN** on 11 April 2025.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 235-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 11 April 2025, a male Korean traveler named Lee Jonghwan with Passport Number M891G2647, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 467 from Incheon, Korea. His carry-on baggage underwent the non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Fajad Pacasum who then referred him to Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Rañeses for physical examination.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Rañeses explained to passenger Lee that XIP Inspector Pacasum detected what appears to be a bundle of bills inside his handcarried luggage during the conduct of the non-intrusive examination.

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner asked passenger Lee if he had anything to declare, to which the latter replied in the negative. Customs Examiner Rañeses then requested the passenger to submit his electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF) for scanning, wherein she noted that the latter answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF). She then invited passenger Hwan, together with SAI Mohammad Yusuf M. Macapaar and Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana, to the Customs Exclusive Room at the Arrival Area for the physical counting of the currency detected inside his handcarried luggage.

WHEREAS, in the presence of the passenger and SAI Macapaar and Flight Supervisor Durana, the actual examination yielded the total amount of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php340,000.00). After the verified counting, Customs Examiner Rañeses explained to Passenger Hwan that failure to provide prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and failure to declare the same, shall be grounds for the confiscation of the Philippine Currency found in excess of the threshold amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00), for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to BSP Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, referring to the Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Rañeses returned the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) to passenger Lee, and the remaining amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php290,000.00) was confiscated, and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020733 was issued. After which, it was turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 15 July 2025, Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Rañeses and Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana, thru the Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, the Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and the Chief,



Arrival Operations Division, informed the District Collector, this Port, of the confiscation of the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php290,000.00) from passenger Hwan and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022 bearing the subject "Amendments to the Rules on Cross Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

**Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).


**WHEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **LEE JONGHWAN** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, AUG 05 2025, August 2025.

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**ALEXANDRA Y. LUMONTAD**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA





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**MR. LEE JONGHWAN**  
Okada Hotel

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 235-2025 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Ninety Thousand  
Pesos (Php290,000.00) Philippine Currency, confiscated from  
incoming passenger **LEE JONGHWAN** on 11 April 2025

**To: Mr. Lee Jonghwan**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 235-2025 (NAIA) issued on August 6, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to attend the Preliminary Conference scheduled on **August 18, 2025 (Monday), 10:30 a.m. at the Law Division, Room 304, NAIA Customhouse Bldg. Pasay City.** In the alternative, a Verified Position Paper may be submitted **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

1. Statement of Facts;
2. Issues of the Case;
3. Proposed Stipulations and Admission;
4. Arguments; and
5. Exhibits.

Should you opt to attend the Preliminary Conference, your attendance must be confirmed by contacting **John Victoriano D. Villanueva III**, through **Mobile# 0966 8350713**.

On the other hand, the Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments, may be submitted to the Office of the Law Division, Third Floor, Bureau of Customs – NAIA Building, Old MIA Road, Pasay City and through electronic means sent to the [naia-lawdivision@customs.goc.ph.com](mailto:naia-lawdivision@customs.goc.ph.com) and [naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph](mailto:naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph).

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. EMLIO Y. LEGASPI IV**  
Officer-on-Case



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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 240-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 17 July 2025, on board flight no. KE619 from South Korea, a male Korean traveler named Jejin Ryu with passport number M92211598, arrived at NAIA and underwent non-intrusive inspection by X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) personnel Mohamad Jonaid M. Udasan. The traveler and his carry-on bag were referred to Customs Examiner Jove Lyra Diaz for further verification and examination of the items which appeared to be bills.

WHEREAS, before proceeding with the physical examination, Customs Examiner Diaz requested for the traveler's passport and e-travel QR Code. Upon checking the scanned e-travel QR Code, the Customs Examiner noted that the traveler ticked "No" to all items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, initial physical examination revealed bundles of Philippine Peso. Customs Examiner Diaz, together with the Enforcement Security Group (ESS) personnel Regie Rhey Belleza, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS) personnel, Christian Llovit and Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya Atienza invited the traveler to the Coordination Room for the counting of undeclared currency.

WHEREAS, physical examination yielded to the discovery of Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (400,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting of the Philippine Currency, the Customs Examiner asked the traveler if he secured prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to which he replied in the negative. She then explained to the traveler that prior written authorization from the BSP was required in excess of Php50,000.00 otherwise the amount more than Php50,000.00 shall be confiscated.

WHEREAS, the allowable amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) was returned to the traveler and his wife, Sook Nyun Cho. Held Baggage Receipt Number 00100021037 was issued for the excess amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php300,000.00) for violation of Section 117 and Section 1113 of the CMTA in relation to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022. The confiscated Philippine Pesos were turned over to Hamimah Mangondaya of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping. The procedure was done in the presence of the traveler Ryu Jenji and witnessed by ESS Regie Rhey Belleza, CIIS Christian Llovit and Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya Atienza.





WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 18 July 2025, Customs Examiner Jove Lyra Diaz, Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya R. Atienza thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, reported the incident to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022- Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

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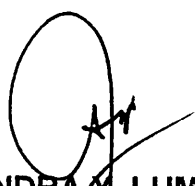
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**WHEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **JEJIN RYU** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

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