

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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Republic of the Philippines,

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 51 – 2025

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One (1) unit Toyota Avanza (metallic grey) with temporary plate number 1301-1208883, seven (7) master cases of Cannon (green) brand cigarettes, four (4) cellophanes of Fort (green) brand cigarettes, three (3) reams of Cannon (green) brand cigarettes, nine (9) reams of Fort (black) brand cigarettes, and one (1) ream of New Far brand cigarettes

EPIFANIO A. TALINGUEZ, JR., Claimant

TO:

SPAS ALLAN R. CRUZ

District Commander CPD – ESS, Port of CDO

Greetings!

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2025, personnel from 1005th MC, RMFB 10 (lead unit) led by PLT Ayman M. Dia under the supervision of PM Ronald Angelo H. Rivel, Company Commander, together with personnel from the Sultan Naga Dimaporo Municipal Police Station (SND MPS) under the supervision of PMAJ Moamar M. Solog, ACOP, and in coordination with S2 RMFB 10, jointly conducted an intensified border control checkpoint operation at Bauyan Regional Border Control Point (RBCP), 1005th MC, RMFB 10, Brgy. Bauyan, SND, Lanao del Norte, that resulted to the apprehension of a Toyota Avanza bearing plate number 1301-1208883 carrying boxes of assorted brands of suspected smuggled cigarettes;

WHEREAS, the following confiscated articles were turned over to the Bureau of Customs-Subport of Iligan for proper inventory and safekeeping pending the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD):

Quantity	UOM	Goods Description
1	unit	Toyota Avanza (metallic grey) with temporary plate number 1301-1208883
7	master case (one master case contains 50 reams)	Cannon (green) brand cigarettes
4	cellophane (one cellophane contains 50 reams)	Fort (green) brand cigarettes
3	ream	Cannon (green) brand cigarettes
9	ream	Fort (black) brand cigarettes
1	ream	New Far brand cigarettes

WHEREAS, the Port Collector, Subport of Iligan, recommended the issuance of WSD against the cigarettes since the result of the inventory and physical examination conducted by the assigned Customs Examiner revealed that the cigarettes lack the required Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), a clear violation of Section 117 and 1113 (f) and (I)-1 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to NTA Memorandum Circular No. 03, series of 2004 and other applicable NTA laws, rules and regulations;



WHEREAS, the use of the Toyota Avanza as conveyance of smuggled cigarettes warrants its outright seizure pursuant to Section 1113 (a) and (k) of the CMTA,

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in this Office in accordance with Republic Act 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) and relevant Customs rules and regulations, you are hereby directed to seize the one (1) unit Toyota Avanza (metallic grey) with temporary plate number 1301-1208883, seven (7) master cases of Cannon (green) brand cigarettes, four (4) cellophanes of Fort (green) brand cigarettes, three (3) reams of Cannon (green) brand cigarettes, nine (9) reams of Fort (black) brand cigarettes, and one (1) ream of New Far brand cigarettes, and turn them over to the Property Custodian/Warehouse — in -Charge, this Port, for safekeeping pending termination of the seizure proceedings thereon or until further order from this Office pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of CMO 8-94 particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized.

Port of Cagayan de Oro, July 30, 2025.

ENGR. ARTHUR G. SEVILLA, JR. District Collector