

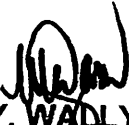
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MEMORANDUM

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. WALLY ANN D. YUMUL
Acting Chief, Law Division

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

DATE : **04 AUGUST 2025**

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

1. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 229-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Forty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php45,000.00) brought in by British traveler named **JESSE LIAM WHYTE** on 10 May 2025 with HBR No. 00100013139; and
2. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 230-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php2,750,000.00) intercepted from departing passenger **JANARIE MARUHOM MALIC**.

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. 229-2025 (NAIA) and 230-2025 (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 and Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph.





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04 August 2025

MR. JESSE LIAM WHYTE

No. 71 Taft Avenue

Pasay City (Manila)

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 229-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Forty-Five Thousand Pesos
(Php45,000.00) brought in by British traveler named **JESSE
LIAM WHYTE** on 10 May 2025 with HBR No. 00100013139

To: Mr. Jesse Liam Whyte

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 229-2025 (NAIA) issued on August 4, 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 12, 2025 (Tuesday), 9:30 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 and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,


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Forty-Five Thousand Pesos
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British traveler named **JESSE
LIAM WHYTE** on 10 May 2025 with
HBR No. 00100013139.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 229-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 10 May 2025, on board flight no. EK332 from Qatar, a male British traveler named Jesse Liam Whyte with passport number 123938304 on board flight SQ EK332 from Qatar, arrived at NAIA Terminal 3 and approached the Customs lane for E-travel QR code scanning.

WHEREAS, upon checking of the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner Lee Anne A. Perez noted that there was a declaration made by the traveler relative to the question of bringing in Philippines currency and/or any Philippine Monetary Instrument amounting to Ninety Five Thousand Pesos (Php95,000.00).

WHEREAS, prior to conduct of physical examination, Examiner Perez asked the traveler if he secured prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to which he replied in the negative.

WHEREAS, Examiner Perez then continued with the physical examination of the baggage of traveler Whyte and discovered bundles of Philippine Peso.

WHEREAS, the traveler was escorted by Examiner Perez to the Customs Exclusion Room together with ESS and CIIS, to ensure the privacy and away from the view of other travelers and airport personnel in the arrival area.

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner then proceeded with the counting of the Philippine Currency in the presence of the traveler. This procedure was observed by ESS SAI Mark Jason A. Jupuri, CIIS SAI Alejandro Trespeces III, and supervised by Flight Supervisor Rosalinda A. Ros. The total amount counted and verified by the Customs Examiner was Ninety-Five Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php95,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner then explained to the traveler that since he had brought an amount exceeding the Php50,000.00 threshold, the excess shall be confiscated for violation of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to the rules and regulations of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

WHEREAS, the physical count of the currency confiscated revealed a total amount of forty-five (45) pieces of one thousand peso bills amounting to Php45,000.00. The allowable amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to traveler. The confiscated notes were turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division.



WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Lee Anne A. Perez, Flight Supervisor Rosalinda A. Ros thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report 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.

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 **JESSE LIAM WHYTE** 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 04 2025 August 2025.

Law/wdy/HAM


ALEXANDRA Y. LUMONTAD
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04 August 2025

MR. JANARIE MARUHOM MALIC

Birmingham Place, Brookside Hills Subd.
San Isidro, Cainta, Rizal 1900

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 230-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty
Thousand Pesos (Php2,750,000.00) intercepted from departing
passenger **JANARIE MARUHOM MALIC**

To: Mr. Janarie Maruhom Malic

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 230-2025 (NAIA) issued on August 4, 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 12, 2025 (Tuesday), 10:00 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:

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Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,


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Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty
Thousand Pesos (Php
2,750,000.00) intercepted from
departing passenger **JANARIE
MARUHOM MALIC** on 15 July
2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 230-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 15 July 2025, at around 0258H, a male Filipino passenger named Janarie Maruhom Malic with Passport Number P1144456B was about to depart at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on board flight 5J 272 bound for Hongkong.

WHEREAS, Malic's carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Karen Lee Nicha of the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah for verification.

WHEREAS, passenger Malic presented his e-Travel QR code to the assigned Customs Examiner. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the General Declaration including item number 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php 50,000.00". Customs Examiner Sabdullah explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Php 50,000.00 without declaration and prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and any excess thereof shall be subject to confiscation

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Malic, representatives from ESS, CIIS, and Flight Supervisor Diana Abigail E. Asilo, Customs Examiner Sabdullah conducted the physical examination which yielded a total amount of Two Million Eight Hundred Pesos (Php 2,800,000.00). The amount of Php 50,000.00 was returned to passenger Malic representing the total amount allowed to be brought out by departing passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100013522 was issued for the excess amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 2,750,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, Acting Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah and Flight Supervisor Diana Abigail E. Asilo, thru Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura, Acting Chief, Departure Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 2,750,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Bangko



Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, entitled " Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, AUG 04 2025, August 2025.


ALEXANDRA Y. LUMONTAD
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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