

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ON SMUGGLED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

AS OF NOV 26, 2021

FILED CASES BASED ON OPERATIONS						
DATE OF INSPECTION/ SEIZURE	LOCATION	TYPE & NAME	KIND OF PRODUCT	AMOUNT	OTHER INFO	SOURCE
May 28, 2021	Empty lot in San Rafael Village Navotas City	12 Reefer Containers	Fisheries and Aquatic and Meat products: Various frozen meat and high-value agricultural food products such as beef, Peking duck, black chicken, eel, Dori fish fillet, crawfish, jumbo shrimps, scallops, and African Swine Fever (ASF)-infected pork	100M worth	As per instruction by EI STG Alternate Chair, ASEC Laciste, A Case Conference was done by DA Legal Div and EI STG Team prior to the Preliminary Hearing on the Case Filed which has a Preliminary Hearing on 31 Aug 2021 at DOJ under Asst. State Prosecutor Glacy Tabirara. The Hearing was attended by EI STG-DA by Adolfo De Ramos and Mhel Sampurna, PNP CIDG PSMS Rogelio Rodriguez Jr and PSMS Anson Guban and DA Legal Div. Atty Dulay. The next hearing was scheduled on 06 Sept 2021.	https://www.dti.gov.ph/archives/p100m-worth-of-smuggled-asf-infected-pork-and-assorted-agri-fishery-products-seized-in-ncr/
July 1 and 6, 2021	Port of Subic	THOUSAND SUNNY ENTERPRISE	Red onions	P7.297 Million	Misdeclaring shipments of fresh red onions	https://customs.gov.ph/imporders-customs-brokers-face-criminal-complaints-over-p29-m-worth-of-smuggled-onions/
July 9 and 13,	Port of Subic	DUAR TE	Onions	P20.217 Million	Unlawful importation	https://customs.gov.ph/imp

2021		MIRA NON-SPECIALIZED WHOLESALE TRADING			and misdeclaration of fresh onions	ports-customs-brokers-face-criminal-complaints-over-p29-m-worth-of-smuggled-onions/ PR re actual seizure: https://customs.gov.ph/customs-subic-seizes-php-86-million-worth-of-smuggled-onions/
July 14 and 16, 2021	Manila International Container Port	FLEVO TRADING	Red Onions	Estimated value of P13,194,368.22	A criminal case was filed for the alleged unlawful importation and misdeclaration of four (4) shipments, declared as “Fresh Yellow Onions and Garlic” but were found to have misdeclared weight and over the total allowable importation in their import permits	https://customs.gov.ph/agri-traders-face-criminal-raps-over-p22-68-m-smuggled-onions-garlic/
July 19, 2021	Port of Davao	GBJ CONSUMER GOODS TRADING	Onions	Total value of P1,721,224.03	A criminal case was likewise filed for the alleged unlawful importation and misdeclaration of its shipment, declared as “pastries ingredients”	https://customs.gov.ph/agri-traders-face-criminal-raps-over-p22-68-m-smuggled-onions-garlic/
August 10, 2021	Port of Cagayan de Oro	JDFALLAR CONSUMER GOODS TRADING	Onions	Amounting to P5,178,281.58	A criminal complaint was filed for the alleged unlawful importation and misdeclaration of three (3) shipments, declared as “cream cheese”	https://customs.gov.ph/agri-traders-face-criminal-raps-over-p22-68-m-smuggled-onions-garlic/
August 10, 2021	Port of Cagayan de Oro	PDCC CONSUMER GOODS	Onions		A criminal case was filed for the unlawful importation and	https://customs.gov.ph/agri-traders-face-criminal-raps-over-p22-68-m-smuggled-onions-garlic/

		TRADING			misdeclaration of its shipment said to contain “frozen puff pastry”	onions-garlic/
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RECENT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ON SMUGGLED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

DATE OF INSPECTION/ SEIZURE	LOCATION	TYPE & NAME	KIND OF PRODUCT	AMOUNT	OTHER INFO	SOURCE
June 14, 2021	Port of Subic	3 cargo containers consigned to Gingarnion Agri Trading	Red onions	9M worth		https://customs.gov.ph/port-of-subic-foils-misdeclared-p9-million-worth-of-agricultural-products/
June 28, 2021	Manila International Container Port	Two shipments consigned to E. Austero Merchandising	Red onions	10M worth	Declared as ice cream and concealed in ice cream containers	https://customs.gov.ph/boc-micp-seizes-php-10-million-worth-of-smuggled-onions/
July 11, 2021	Manila International Container Port	Four different shipments	1 - 3,300 boxes red onions 2 & 3 - 5,300 sacks refined sugar 4 - 200 sacks of rice, 1,300 packs of other food products	15.5M worth		https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1074697
July 12, 2021	Port of Subic	Twelve 40-footer reefer containers consigned to two port users: Thousand Sunny, which was to receive three containers, and Dua Te Mira, which was to get nine.	Red onions	24M worth	The BOC decided to declare the cargo abandoned after nobody claimed them or presented proof of ownership for all or part of the shipment. The BOC also noted that one of the containers they opened was equipped with a global positioning system (GPS) tracking device, which is used to track the container’s	https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1146911

					current location. This was the first time they found a GPS tracking device placed in a container van.	
As of September 1, 2021	Port of Subic	29 Reefer Containers	Red Onions		The office of EI STG Alternate Chair, ASEC Laciste, communicated with BOC regarding the status of Condemnation of the 29 Reefer Containers containing Red Onions and BOC replied that on 12 Aug 2021 they have requested Bureau of Plant Industry R3 Dir. Laarni Roxas, to issue Certificate of Not-Fit for Human Consumption on the said Red Onions to proceed with the Condemnation procedure but to date to no avail. EI STG received info that there was an ongoing negotiation causing the delay at BPI R3.	
	San Rafael Village Navotas City	Columbia Intl Food Products Corp	Alleged Smuggled Sugar		Upon follow-up of EI STG, BOC has not yet given update on the said case. As per info, SRA received docs from BOC for verification but EI STG is still waiting for BOC's official report. The 15-day grace period given by BOC to Columbia Products to	

					submit necessary docs on the seized 1,874 50kg sacks of Sugar and 1,125 drums of Glucose Syrup will expire on 04 Sept 2021.	
	Bulacan	Glacier Pulilan Refrigeration Freezer 14 and 4 Auream Agricultural Products Trading Golden Iris Seafood Trading	Misdeclared BFAR products: 5600 cartons of frozen Mackerel 47 cartons of frozen Mackerel	Valued at 20M (Mackerel)	BFAR Fisheries and Protection and Law Enforcement Group (FPLEG) received report of Misdeclared BFAR products during the 2nd border inspection in Glacier Pulilan Cold Storage and sought the assistance of EI STG to assist in the Investigation. This is also in line with the received reports of EI STG on Smuggled products in Cold Storages in Bulacan area.	
October 7, 2021	Bulacan	Warehouse – Elite Globus Primeholdings Corp.	2,000 concealed sacks of imported red onions, boxes of seafood	50M worth		https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1156298
October 8, 2021	Brgy. Ugong, Valenzuela City	Warehouse – Morehouse Marketing	8,000 sacks of red onions, carrots, together with ginger and mung beans	9M worth	Warrants of Seizure and Detention (WSD) will be issued against the subject agricultural products, once inventory therein has been finished, in accordance with Section 1113 of Customs Modernization and Tariff Act and existing regulations of the Bureau of Plant Industry.	https://customs.gov.ph/micp-seizes-php-9m-worth-of-smuggled-agricultural-products/

October 13, 2021	920 Asuncion St. Tondo, Manila	Warehouse	Possible misdeclared, misclassified, and undervalued imported commodities which include yellow onions, gingers, red onions, tapioca, flour, sugar	35M worth (for all goods including non-agri items)		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-seizes-illegally-imported-vegetables-from-china-and-other-commodities/
	North Bay Boulevard, Navotas, Manila	Vifel Storage (2 storage facilities with a total of 31 cold storage rooms)	Alleged to be illegally smuggled: Beef heads, chicken legs, chicken livers as well as various fruit products There's also expired meat and fish products subject of hold orders from the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) and the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO)		Alias Lei Tsai and his cohorts are purportedly responsible for these unlawful commercial importations which are yet to be verified upon submission of proper import documentations. Further investigation is underway for possible violation of RA10863, also known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).	https://customs.gov.ph/boc-seizes-illegally-imported-vegetables-from-china-and-other-commodities/
	Port of Subic	Five 40-footer container shipments consigned to Saturnus Corporation, importer based in Manila	Fresh vegetables that were illegally shipped from China Water bamboo, mushrooms, broccoli, and other vegetables	15M worth		https://customs.gov.ph/inter-agency-task-force-seizes-15m-worth-of-assorted-misdeclared-vegetables-at-port-of-subic/
October 15, 2021	Seized at port of Cagayan de Oro (arrived in Mindanao)	2 containers consigned to South Road Consumer	Smuggled onions from China	3M worth		https://customs.gov.ph/port-of-cagayan-de-oro-seizes-p3-million-worth-of-smuggled-onions/

	Container Terminal (MCT) sub-port in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental)	Goods Trading				https://customs.gov.ph/boc-operations-yield-smuggled-agricultural-and-frozen-food-products/
October 18, 2021	Port of Cagayan de Oro	2 containers consigned to Glimmer Cape Food Products Trading	Onion	No amount mentioned		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-operations-yield-smuggled-agricultural-and-frozen-food-products/
October 22, 2021	Dacudao, Corrales Extension, Barangay Puntod Cagayan de Oro	Warehouse	Sacks or red onion Garlic, onion, mung beans, carrots	5M worth (red onions)		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-raids-cagayan-de-oro-warehouse-seizes-php-5m-worth-of-smuggled-onions/
October 25, 2021	Port of Subic	Sixty 40-footer container shipments consigned to Zhenpin Consumer Goods Trading, Dua Te Mira Non-Specialized Wholesale, Gingarnion Agri Trading, and Thousand Sunny Enterprise	Onions, carrots, broccoli	Approximately 362M worth	BOC said they found some of the goods in 60 40-foot container shipments deemed overstaying in the port. Largest forfeiture of agricultural products at the port of Subic	https://customs.gov.ph/boc-port-of-subic-condemns-approximately-php-362-million-worth-of-agricultural-products/
October 25, 2021	Carmen Planas Street, Tondo, Manila	3 warehouses	Red onions	Valued at 800,000		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-pom-seizes-smuggled-red-onions-in-tondo-2/
October 29, 2021	Port of Cagayan de	Three 40-footer containers	Red onions	6M worth		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-seizes-6-million-worth-of-

	Oro	consigned to Hao International Trading				smuggled-red-onions/
November 8-9, 2021	Port of Cagayan de Oro	18 reefer containers consigned to R2H Trading	Red onions	50M worth	The Bureau of Customs also confirmed that the accreditation of the importer is already non-existent since November 2020.	https://www.dti.gov.ph/news/stg-ei-seized-18-containers-of-smuggled-red-onions/
November 10, 2021	Port of Davao	Container	2,300 boxes of “Frozen Frigate Tuna”	Valued at Php 1.72 million		https://customs.gov.ph/boc-davao-seizes-p-1-72-million-worth-of-misdeclared-frozen-tuna/
November 11, 2021	UNICAN Industrial Corp located at 202 Gov. Pascual Ave. Brgy Catmon, Malabon City	3 reefer containers	Carrots, broccoli, red onions	4.7M worth	The warehouse caretaker, Vicente Cruz, said the operation has been going on for one year. He said four 40-foot reefer containers enter the warehouse regularly containing mixed vegetables, which were distributed to various markets via delivery vans.	https://customs.gov.ph/boc-busts-php-4-72m-worth-of-smuggled-agricultural-products/ Vicente Cruz statement: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/11/15/business/top-business/smuggled-vegetables-seized-in-malabon/1822243
November 18, 2021	Port of Subic	9×40’ container shipment consigned to JKJ International Co. and 13×40’ container shipment consigned to EMV Consumer Goods Trading	Assorted agricultural products such as carrots, sweet oats, broccoli, mushroom, and red onions.	Estimated value of 66M	Intelligence report from IG also revealed that EMV Consumer Goods changed its name multiple times but was still detected due to the intense profiling of shipments.	https://customs.gov.ph/port-of-subic-busts-smuggled-agricultural-products-worth-php-66-million/

	Port of Cagayan de Oro	MICTSI container yard, five containers consigned to EMV Consumer Goods Trading	Red onions	14M worth	Was declared as “Mantou” also known as Chinese Steamed Bun.	https://customs.gov.ph/cagayan-de-oro-seizes-red-onions-misdeclared-as-chinese-steamed-bun/
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