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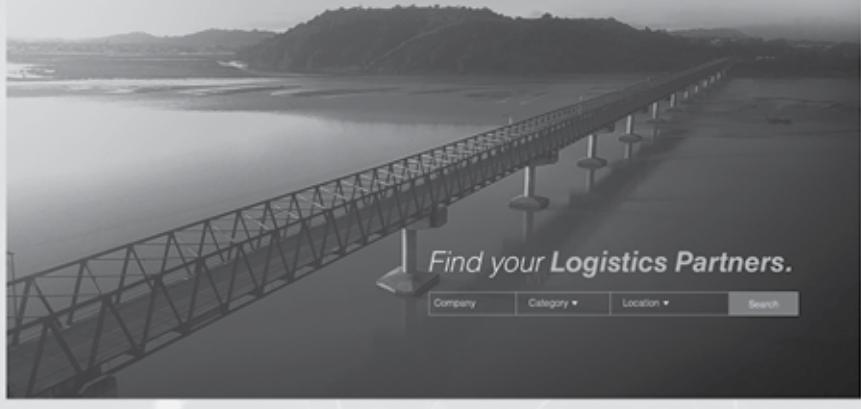
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## Foreign lines subject of most complaints at Shippers' Protection Office

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- Since it was established in 2020, the SPO has received 88 complaints and inquiries relating to shipping lines
- Of the total, 68 were complaints against international shipping lines
- As of June 9, four were inquiries that have been addressed
- Port users and stakeholders have long asked the government to oversee operations and charges of international shipping lines

FOREIGN carriers were the subject of most complaints at the Shippers' Protection Office (SPO).

Since its establishment in 2020, the SPO has received 88 complaints and inquiries, according to data from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

Of the total, 68 were complaints against international shipping lines for unreturned container deposit, uncollected container refund, detention charges, demurrage, storage charges, cleaning fees, destination charges, container imbalance charges, empty return location, and unreleased delivery order/container release order,

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## Cebu Pacific adds more flights to Dubai

- Cebu Pacific adds more flights to Dubai
- Cebu Pacific is adding flights from Manila to Dubai up to 10 times weekly beginning July 2
- The new Manila-Dubai flights will be every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Departure schedule from Manila is at 10:20 p.m., arriving in Dubai at 3:25 a.m. the next day

CEBU Pacific is adding more flights from Manila to Dubai beginning July 2, bringing its total to 10 times weekly.

The low-cost carrier will operate the additional Manila-Dubai flight every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, scheduled to depart Manila at 10:20 p.m., and arrive in Dubai at 3:25 a.m. the next day.

This is on top of daily flights with 7:20 p.m. departure from Manila, and 12:45 a.m. arrival at Dubai.

"This is a chance for every Juan to experience a bit of what Dubai has to offer – from its megastructures, shopping, food, and cultural heritage. With the easing of travel protocols in and out of the country, travelers also need not to worry about hassles when coming back to the Philippines," Cebu Pacific chief commercial officer Xander Lao said in a statement.

Travel requirements when flying to Dubai include a valid tourist visa, passport valid for six months upon arrival, applicable Philippine Travel Tax Certificate, and any of the following:

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# ADB ok \$4.3B loan for MM-Calamba railway

- ADB ok S\$ 4.3-billion financing for Metro Manila-Calamba railway project
- The 55-kilometer South Commuter Railway Project connects Metro Manila and Calamba
- This is Asian Development Bank's largest infrastructure financing in the Asia and Pacific region to date
- The project includes construction of 18 stations
- The railway will reduce travel time between Manila and Calamba by over half, from 2.5 hours currently

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved up to \$4.3 billion for the construction of a nearly 55-kilometer suburban railway line connecting Metro Manila with Calamba, Laguna.

The investment in the South Commuter Railway project, which is part of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) network, is ADB's largest infrastructure financing in the Asia and Pacific region to date.

Once completed, the South Commuter Railway will offer commuters fast public transport, help ease road traffic congestion, and contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Philippines' climate change agenda. The project follows ADB's financing of the Malolos-Clark Railway line north of the capital, for which construction is ongoing.

"The South Commuter Railway Project will provide affordable, safe, reliable, and fast public transport for commut-

ers," said Ahmed M. Saeed, ADB vice president for East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. "This project represents ADB's biggest infrastructure investment and reflects our commitment to helping the Philippines attain its goals of reducing poverty, improving the lives of Filipinos, and achieving green, resilient, and high economic growth."

The project includes construction of 18 stations designed to provide safe access for all, including the elderly, women, children, and people with disabilities. A connecting tunnel will be built to allow operation of direct trains from Calamba to stations on the future Metro Manila Subway system. All infrastructure will be designed to be disaster-resilient and able to withstand typhoons and earthquakes.

The project will reduce travel time between Manila and Calamba by over half, from 2.5 hours currently by road.

The Metro Manila-Calamba railway project will be financed under a multi-tranche financing facility, with the first tranche of \$1.75 billion to be made available starting this year. The release of the second and third tranches is expected in 2024 and 2026, respectively.

ADB will finance civil works for the railway viaduct, stations, bridges, tunnels, and depot buildings. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is funding the rolling stock and railway systems.

The NSCR is expected to create more than 35,500 jobs during construction and over 3,200 permanent jobs during operation.

Moreover, the NSCR network will

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improve access to an average of more than 300,000 jobs within any 1-hour commute for residents along the project, according to an ADB study.

ADB's Infrastructure Preparation and Innovation Facility supported the Department of Transportation (DOTr) in preparing the project. The loan will further support the capacity development and institutional strengthening of

DOTR, the implementing agency. The railway will be elevated to avoid flooding and reduce the impact and disruption to communities along the railway route. A technical assistance grant will support affected communities.

The project is one of the Philippines' infrastructure flagship projects and is part of the government's "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure development program.

## PH domestic trade volume down, value up in first quarter

tons, or 14.8%.

Machinery and transport equipment, meanwhile, topped in terms of value at P48.62 billion, or 35.8% of the total. This was followed by food and live animals at P30.36 billion, or 22.4%, and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material at P19.55 billion, or 14.4%.

Among the regions, Eastern Visayas ranked first with a total value of traded commodities at P30.21 billion, or 22.2% of the total.

Western Visayas came next with P28.39 billion, or 20.9%, followed by Central Visayas with P24.04 billion, or 17.7%.

Caraga posted the highest inflow value of P31.47 billion, or 23.2% of the total. Central Visayas followed with P23.58 bil-

lion, or 17.4%, and Western Visayas with P18.70 billion, or 13.8%.

Cagayan Valley, on the other hand, had the lowest inflow value at P7 million.

The top three regions with favorable domestic trade balances in the first quarter were Eastern Visayas, P19.12 billion; Western Visayas, P9.70 billion; and Central Luzon, P6.05 billion.

The top three regions with unfavorable domestic trade balances were Caraga with a deficit of P27 billion; CALABARZON, a shortfall of P5.67 billion; and Zamboanga Peninsula, a P4.54 billion deficit.

In 2021, the country's domestic trade grew in double digits in both volume and value, recovering from the contraction in 2020 due to effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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pulous practices of shipping companies.

Santiago said "unregulated shipping charges is a legislative and regulatory issue and is not the reason why complaints have not been resolved."

He explained: "The issues can be resolved if the parties agree to resolve it between themselves whether or not there are regulations on shipping charges."

"It does not have any authority to render any form of judgment for or against any party." — **Roumina Pablo**

## Foreign carriers subject of most complaints...

required to register with the Maritime Industry Authority and to comply with Customs and tax rules.

In 2019, there were attempts to regulate local shipping charges through a joint administrative order. This was later replaced with a plan for an executive order that has yet to materialize.

Last January, the House of Representatives approved on third and final reading House Bill (HB) No. 10575, which seeks to strengthen government agencies' oversight functions over charges imposed by international shipping lines operating in the Philippines.

HB 10575, which has been transmitted to the Senate for concurrence, also seeks to regulate and standardize local charges imposed at both origin and destination by foreign shipping lines.

### No direct oversight

Port users and stakeholders have long asked government to oversee operations of and charges levied by international shipping lines. Currently, no government agency has direct jurisdiction over carriers, although their agents/local offices are

during a state of national calamity "from the impact and effects of exorbitant and unreasonable shipping fees resulting in increased prices for domestic consumers."

The order mandates SPO to protect domestic and international shippers "against unreasonable fees and charges imposed by domestic and international shipping lines." The office should look into "all complaints and issues related to the rates, charges, practices and operations of international and domestic shipping lines in the country."

The SPO is headed by the PPA general manager as chair and the administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority as vice chair. The SPO Secretariat is headed by PPA's Port Operations and Services Department.

PPA general manager Jay Daniel Santiago earlier said the role of the SPO was to provide a grievance mechanism against unscrupu-



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## Duterte leads commissioning of Coast Guard vessel Melchora Aquino

- President Rodrigo Duterte leads commissioning of Philippine Coast Guard vessel Melchora Aquino
- The launch coincided with Philippine Independence Day celebrations
- The new MRRV is one of the two largest PCG vessels acquired with Japanese financing
- The vessel can carry out multiple tasks including securing the country's territorial waters
- It is modeled after the Japan Coast Guard Kunigami-class ship, with a top speed of not less than 24 knots (44.5 kilometers per hour) and an endurance of not less than 4,000 nautical miles (7,408 km)

PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte led the commissioning of Philippine Coast Guard vessel BRP Melchora Aquino (MRRV-9702) yesterday (June 12), coinciding with the 124<sup>th</sup> independence day celebrations.

The Japan-built 97-meter-long Melchora Aquino is the second of PCG's two largest-ever multi-role response vessels (MRRV). The other, BRP Teresa Magbanua (MRRV-9701), was commissioned in May.

PCG said the two vessels allow it to patrol better the country's maritime jurisdictions, including West Philippine Sea (WPS) and the Philippine Rise.

In his speech at the vessel launch, Duterte said he has told China the Philippines can't give up territory also being claimed by Beijing, noting optimism that overlapping claims by Manila and Beijing on the WPS (South China Sea) and Chinese intrusions into areas within the 200-km exclusive economic zone can be settled diplomatically.

"Kaibigan ko si President Xi Jinping and we continue to talk (President Xi Jinping is my friend and we continue to talk)," said Duterte in a report on the Philippine Coast Guard web page.

"Coast Guard to Coast Guard... We do not send gray ships because it will project a different picture to everybody," the President said, whose six-year term ends on June 30.

"I made it clear to him that we cannot give up our sovereignty over the West Philippine Sea, including our exclusive economic zone because it is vital for our national life," Duterte added.

Duterte praised the PCG's role in government operations. "So far, the Coast Guard has an excellent record and participation in even struggles in Mindanao. You have helped the government in maintaining our independence as a Republic. Bilib ako sa inyo (You impress me)," Duterte said.

"At no other time na ang Coast Guard binigyan ng importansa. (At no time has the Coast Guard been accorded importance)," said the President.

"I can only thank my classmate, (Transportation Secretary) Art Tugade for husbanding the entire agency of the Coast Guard. I am very much impressed," Duterte added, expressing admiration for the Department of Transportation's success in providing the Filipino people comfort under his administration.

"Let me thank the DOTr for a job well done. We have gone a long way to improve and we delivered," Duterte said.

The Melchora Aquino arrived at the PCG Headquarters in Port Area, Manila, on May 27, days after departing Japan under its sailing crew led by Coast Guard Commander Patrick Babag.

The delivery of the new MRRV will "significantly improve the PCG's response capabilities in maritime search and rescue, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, disaster response operations, as well as in patrolling within the country's maritime domain," Tugade said.

The Melchora Aquino and Teresa Magbanua were acquired under the DOT's Maritime Safety Capability Improvement Project (MSCIP) Phase II, a Japanese-assisted project funded by an Official Development Assistance loan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Both vessels were modeled after the Japan Coast Guard Kunigami-class ship, with a top speed of not less than 24 knots (44.5 kilometers per hour) and an endurance of not less than 4,000 nautical miles (7,408 km).

Also present at the commissioning were Minister and Consul General Hiroyuki Okajima of the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, Senator Bong Go, Mitsubishi Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. senior vice president Hiroshi Mori, and JICA Philippines Senior Representative Kenji Kuronuma.

JICA provided financing for the vessel purchases under its ODA loan for the "Maritime Safety Capability Improvement Project for the PCG Phase 2" in support of the agency's modernization.

"JICA vows to continue supporting the modernization of the PCG for its effective operations in the Philippines' maritime sector. Just like the Japan Coast Guard, we view the role of the PCG as crucial in upholding maritime safety and security as well as in the conservation of marine resources," said JICA Philippines Chief Representative Takema Sakamoto.

The two vessels will complement ten 44-meter MRRVs acquired by the country under JICA-PCG cooperation to beef up the Philippines' fleet.

As a way forward, JICA will be providing training for the fast-growing roster of PCG personnel on maritime search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection and security, as well as on the operation and maintenance of the MRRVs.

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# Tunnel boring works for Metro Manila Subway begin

- Tunneling works for the Philippines' first ever-underground railway system set after lowering of the first of 25 tunnel boring machine (TBM)**
- The Metro Manila Subway project will dig underground tunnels connecting the subway's 17 stations from Valenzuela City to Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in Pasay City**
- The subway will have a 33km underground rail line, designed to reduce travel time between Quezon City and NAIA from the present one hour and 10 minutes to just 35 minutes**
- Partial operability of the country's first-ever subway is expected in 2025, with full operation slated in 2027**
- In its first year of full operations, the underground railway system is expected to accommodate up**

**to 370,000 passengers per day, with a capacity of up to 1 million passengers per day over the next decade**

TUNNEL boring works for the Metro Manila Subway are set to begin after President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Transportation Secretary Art Tugade on June 12 led the lowering and positioning of the first tunnel boring machine (TBM) at the subway's depot in Valenzuela City for the country's first-ever underground railway system.

Financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Metro Manila Subway project will have a total of 25 TBMs, which will dig underground tunnels that will connect the subway's 17 stations from Valenzuela City to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 in Pasay City.

Duterte said the lowering and positioning of the TBM is another milestone under the "Build,

Build, Build" program. He and Tugade also led the unveiling of a dynamic full size train simulator for the Philippine Railways Institute (PRI), which is likewise being constructed in Valenzuela.

Each TBM can excavate up to 600 cubic meters of soil and create up to 12 meters of tunnels per day using its massive rotating cutting wheels that can easily break up hard soil and rocks.

With its sheer size and power, the Metro Manila Subway TBMs are designed to make the process of tunneling faster, while significantly reducing above ground disruption during construction.

## Japanese financing

In a statement, Tugade cited the project's financing from the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the contracts awarded, and the resolution of the project's right-of-way (ROW) issues as

crucial reasons why the subway project will continue beyond the Duterte administration.

One of the largest infrastructure flagship projects under the Duterte administration's "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program, the Metro Manila Subway is a 33-kilometer underground rail line designed to reduce travel time between Quezon City and NAIA from the present one hour and 10 minutes to just 35 minutes.

In its first year of full operations, the underground railway system is expected to accommodate up to 370,000 passengers per day, with a capacity of up to 1 million passengers per day over the next decades.

If the schedule set for construction is strictly followed, partial operability of the country's first-ever subway is expected to start in 2025, with full operation slated in 2027, Tugade said.

## 20 new harbor pilots take oath

- MARINA swears in 20 new harbor pilots on June 7**
- The harbour pilots took the licensure exam in March**
- Pursuant to Executive Order No. 125/125-A, MARINA is mandated to undertake the licensing of harbor pilots in the country**

THE Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) on June 7 swore in 20 newly minted harbor pilots who passed MARINA's harbor pilot licensure examination conducted in March 2022.

The harbor pilots who passed the March licensure exam are: Edwin O. Acosta, Em Joseph G. Aguilar, Bernie V. Banzon, Alexander A. Bitoy, Arnulfo M. Caballero, Al Nair J. R. Calderon, Edgardo W. Calumpag, Jonathan V. Camanga, Gary Joseph S. Campos, Oliver Wendell D. Capuli, Philam Denn T. Castro, Samith C. Cosina, Adolfo S. Daroy, Joemar D. Dungo, Ireneo S. Fiel, Jr., Bobby L. Layug, Feliciano L. Nañasca, Jr., James A. Ramos, Rex B. Sagral, and Jaime F. Serdoncillo, Jr.

MARINA officer-in-charge deputy administrator for planning Sonia Malaluan encouraged the new harbor pilots to ensure safety of property and life, and the protection of the marine environment, as they guide ships entering ports.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 125/125-A, MARINA is mandated to undertake the licensing of harbor pilots in the country.

A candidate for the harbor pilot licensure examinations should be at least 35 years of age at the time of the examination; mentally and physically fit; master-in-command of a merchant ship or a Philippine Coast Guard or National Mapping and Resource Information Authority vessel, and other non-combatant ship of more than 500 gross tonnage of not less than five years; of good moral character; and not included in the database of watchlisted seafarers.

While MARINA administers the examination, its sister agencies Philippine Ports Authority and Cebu Port Authority provides the number of harbor pilots that can serve specific areas or ports under their jurisdiction.



## Cebu Pacific adds...

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the Philippines are exempted from presenting pre-departure COVID-19 test results for entry if they have received at least one booster shot.

Cebu Pacific urges its passengers to check with the authorities of their destination for the latest protocols and requirements.

The airline has been increasing its international services with the easing of COVID-19-related travel restrictions.

For the rest of 2022, Cebu Pacific in an earlier statement said it sees a better business outlook driven by domestic recovery and re-openings of international destinations.

In the first quarter of 2022, the airline flew 16,521 flights, 128% higher versus the same period last year while passenger count likewise improved by 272%.

As of March, Cebu Pacific operates a route network serving 62 domestic routes and 16 international routes with a total of 1,839 scheduled weekly flights, as it gradually increased its operations brought about by the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

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BALSA	0129S	06/27	07/01	TBA			06/29	07/21		
RITA	0011S	07/03	07/08	YM UBIQUITY	0054E	07/13	08/04	08/10		
<b>PACIFIC SOUTHWEST 4 SERVICE via KAOHSIUNG</b>										
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SPIR NIRMALA	0037N	07/02	07/04	YM UNIFORM	0224E	07/08	07/19	07/25		
SPIR NIRMALA	0038N	07/08	07/10	YM UNIFORM	0058E	07/22	07/30	08/05		
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BALSA	0129S	06/27	07/01	MOL CHARISMA	0128E	07/10	08/03	08/07	08/12	
RITA	0011S	07/03	07/08	MOL CHARISMA	0128E	07/10	08/03	08/07	08/12	
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BALSA	0129S	06/27	07/01	TBA						
RITA	0011S	07/03	07/08	TBA						
<b>FAR EAST EUROPE 2 (FE2) via KAOHSIUNG</b>										
FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA SIN	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD SIN	GBSOU	FRLEH	DEHAM	
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BALSA	0129S	06/27	07/01	AL NEFUD	0019W	07/05	07/28	07/31	08/06	
RITA	0011S	07/03	07/08	HMM HELSINKI	0007W	07/13	08/04	08/07	08/13	
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SABRE TRADER	0003N	06/13	06/20	YM WELLBEING		07/03	07/11	07/14	07/16	
CNC SATURN	0013N	06/19	06/27	YM WELLBEING		07/03	07/11	07/14	07/16	
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EMORA	2206S	06/24	06/27	06/30	07/04	SKIP				
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CNC BANGKOK	0003N	07/04	07/08							
MOUNT BUTLER	0108N	07/06	07/09							
NORDLEOPARD	0032N	07/11	07/15							
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## PH, Thailand sign deal to resolve cigarette customs valuation row

- The bilateral understanding aims to resolve a long-standing trade dispute between the Philippines and Thailand on customs valuation for imported cigarettes
- A bilateral consultative mechanism will be set up as a channel for relevant authorities from either side to cooperate and dialogue regularly
- The understanding should ideally lead to a mutually agreed solution

fidence that will support efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement of the dispute.

The Understanding on Agreed Procedures towards a Comprehensive Settlement of the Dispute in Thailand-Customs and Fiscal Measures on Cigarettes from the Philippines (DS371) was signed by the respective permanent representatives of the Philippines and Thailand at the World Trade Organization (WTO), Ambassador Manuel Teehankee and Ambassador Pimchanok Pitfield.

Ambassador George Mina of Australia, who acted as facilitator in the negotiations between the two parties, noted that the signing of the Understanding represented a successful outcome of the facilitator-assisted process that began in 2021.

The negotiations followed the signing in December 2020 of the Understanding between the Philippines and Thailand to pursue facilitator-assisted discussions aimed at progressing and resolving outstanding issues in regard to DS371.

"Throughout the facilitation process,

the Philippines and Thailand have actively and constructively engaged in discussions, both in Geneva and through their respective capitals, to arrive at the Agreed Procedures Understanding signed earlier this month. This further demonstrates the commitment of Thailand and the Philippines to the WTO dispute settlement system," Mina said in a statement.

The Understanding came into force upon its signing by the two sides and may be terminated by either party on a 60-day written notice.

Taking into account the progress made in the implementation of their cooperation, it should ideally lead to the notification by the parties of a mutually agreed solution under Article 3.6 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU).

Initiated by the Philippines in 2008, the dispute concerns Thailand's persistent failure to value Philippine exports consistent with the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement (CVA).

According to the Philippine Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry, Thailand has already lost three WTO panel proceedings.

In the original proceedings, a WTO panel and the Appellate Body ruled in 2010 that the Thai customs valuation measures violated the CVA and other WTO rules.

Following this ruling, Thailand brought further new WTO-inconsistent customs valuation measures against Philippine cigarettes and filed criminal charges against Philip Morris Thailand Ltd. for underdeclaration.

The Philippines successfully brought a first set of WTO compliance proceedings; in November 2018, the WTO compliance panel found that Thailand's new customs valuation measures and the first criminal charges violated the CVA.

While these proceedings were ongoing, Thailand issued a second set of criminal charges, forcing the Philippines to initiate the second WTO compliance proceedings. This latest WTO panel ruled on July 12, 2019 that the second charges also violated the CVA.

THE Philippines and Thailand have signed a deal aimed at resolving their long-standing cigarette customs valuation row. The signing of a bilateral understanding agreement seeks to iron out the countries' trade dispute over customs valuation procedures for imported cigarettes. The understanding establishes a bilateral consultative mechanism (BCM) that will serve as a channel for relevant authorities to cooperate and dialogue regularly. Such meetings are expected to build further con-

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of the Philippines, BOC said.

Before sealing the warehouses, BOC examiners made an initial inventory of the goods that bore popular brands in the presence of CIIS personnel, Louis Vuitton representatives, and AFP operatives.

Assorted products such as various dish-washing liquid brands and Tiger Motorcycle Lubricant, to name a few, were also found at the site.

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## Pampanga warehouses yield P129M counterfeit branded goods

- Counterfeit merchandise seized included goods bearing Louis Vuitton and Paul Frank brands
- The inspectors were armed with Letters of Authority from BOC and backed up by NBI, armed forces personnel and luxury brand representatives
- Warehouse representatives told to provide importation documents as investigation gets going

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