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Philippines Customs authorities sized PHP17 million worth of smuggled white onions at the Port of Manila. Onions were hidden in three containers declared as clothing products from China.

According to the local media, the shipment was from China and was declared as containing clothing items and plastic products. All containers are 100 per cent physically examined since 23rd December. This month Customs bureau has detained millions worth of agricultural products.

Customs authorities issued an alert (AO) order before Christmas for initial investigations of the containers according to which goods have been seized.

The assigned Customs examiner and representatives from the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Plant Industry, Chamber of Customs Brokers Inc. and the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service witnessed the examination. Customs authorities and the Department of Agriculture are working together for the examination of containers

Aside from the containers included under this AO, the bureau holds seven other containers consigned to the same company for suspicion of misdeclaration of items.