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**Report on the actions taken in respect of the observations / orders pertaining to Sri Lanka Customs, which is operating under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, among the general observations / orders highlighted in the report presented in Parliamentary Series No. 243 by the Committee on Public Accounts.**

Following the examination of the activities of Ministries and Departments by the Committee on Public Accounts as per the revised Standing Order No. 119(4) of the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the relevant Minister is required to table in the Parliament a report on the actions taken in respect of the observations/ recommendations/ orders mentioned in the report submitted to Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts.

Accordingly, during the First Session of the Tenth Parliament, the Committee on Public Accounts, after examining the Auditor General's Reports for the financial years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 of the Department of Motor Traffic and reviewing its current performance on 10.03.2025 and 21.03.2025, has included its observations/orders/recommendations in Parliamentary Series No. 243. Accordingly, I hereby submit the report containing the steps taken/current status regarding the implementation of the observations/ orders/ recommendations pertaining to Sri Lanka Customs, which functions under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

Sri Lanka Customs Department has provided the Department of Motor Traffic with *view-only* accounts of the ASYCUDA World system, enabling verification of the accuracy of the daily transmitted data on imported motor vehicles when necessary. In addition, the information recorded in the "Vehicle Sheet" of the Customs Register, which is used for the release of motor vehicles, is also transmitted electronically to the Department of Motor Traffic. Furthermore, it is brought to the notice of Parliament that effective measures have already been taken to minimize the shortcomings that were pointed out.

In order to strengthen the financial management of Sri Lanka Customs, which functions under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the Internal Audit

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Division of the Department is also carrying out its audit functions efficiently. In addition, the Ministry conducts quarterly Audit Management Committee meetings, through which the necessary guidance and directions are provided.

Sgd.

**Anura Kumara Dissanayake**

**Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development**

Name of the Department : Department of Sri Lanka Customs

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Submission of observations and steps taken with regard to the reports presented to the Parliament by the Committee on Public Accounts in terms of the Standing Order No.119 (4)

	<u>Shortcomings identified by the Committee in the report</u>	<u>Actions taken by the institutions to rectify the shortcomings/current status</u>
5	A secure computerized network system that would prevent tampering with all the vehicle registration data transmitted by the Department of Customs to the Department of Motor Traffic for registration purposes had not been installed.	<p>After completion of the customs clearance process, Cusdecs data are transmitted to the Department of Motor Traffic. If any revision to such transmitted Cusdec data is required, this revision is done according to proper customs procedure.</p> <p>Further, the Department of Motor Traffic has been provided the access to a “view only” account of the ASYCUDA World that is used to formalise the import/export process of Sri Lanka Customs for the purpose of verification of motor vehicle data daily transmitted by the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, if any verification is required.</p> <p>Sri Lanka Customs could not state whether this transmitted data will be subjected to any change after being transmitted to the Department of Motor Traffic.</p> <p>Further, the ASYCUDA World of Sri Lanka Customs had been updated to allow “system-to-system integration”.</p>
6	There had been instances where motor vehicles were registered changing important information such as the year of manufacture, country of manufacture, and cylinder capacity of imported motor vehicles since such details were not linked to the customs computer system.	<p>Data specified in the vehicle sheet of the Cusdec used for the clearance of vehicles, including year of manufacture, vehicle engine capacity, country of origin, engine number, chassis number, vehicle make/ model and details of the importer stated in the Cusdec, such as importer code/name/address and Customs Import Tax amount and other details are electronically transmitted to the Department of Motor Traffic with effect from 01 August 2020. By this data transmission it is expected to verify before the initial registration of vehicle whether it is imported by paying due customs duties.</p> <p>If vehicles have been registered by altering such transmitted data, it should be questioned by the Department of Motor Traffic.</p>

9	<p>Recommendations of the Committee</p> <p>That the above-mentioned computer system should be linked with the institutions such as Sri Lanka Customs, the Department of Import and Export Control, and the Department of Inland Revenue to prevent the possibility of irregularities and provide more efficient services;</p>	<p>Sri Lanka Customs indisputably admits the requirement of electronically linking the institutions, such as the Department of Motor Traffic, the Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Import and Export Control, to prevent such irregularities. At present Sri Lanka Customs electronically transmits vehicle data to the Department of Motor Traffic. The Department of Motor Traffic should have the data, such as whether a motor vehicle is registered in the Department of Motor Traffic, date of registration, etc., relevant to such transmitted data, and by exchanging such vehicle registration data among the institutions, such as the Department of Inland Revenue and the Department of Import and Export Control, more transparent and efficient service can be delivered.</p>
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I kindly submit the above information regarding the measures taken and observations regarding the reports submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts under Standing Order No. 119(4) in relation to the Department of Sri Lanka Customs, for Parliamentary Series No. 243.

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**Director General of Customs**  
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