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Department of Imports and Exports
Control

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and
National Policies

Message from the Controller General

It is with great pride and pleasure that a message is issued as the Controller General of the Department on this occasion of issuing the performance report of the year 2023 of the Department of Imports and Exports Control which is established by the Import and Export Control Act, No. 1 of 1969, prevail under the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.



In the year 2023, the operations of the department were started by preparing and introducing a new vision to lead the department through the “mission” of regulate the import and export procedure for a sustainably developed country taking into consideration the security, economy, public health, environmental conservation etc., in accordance with the Import and Export Control Act.

In the execution of the role directed as mentioned above, 14 Extraordinary Gazettes have been issued as the case may be, on the approval of the Honorable Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, under the instructions and supervision of the Secretary to the Ministry.

In the face of economic crisis, this department had to work quickly in the first quarters of the year 2023, for the formulation of regulations under the Import and Export Control Act, in relation to the restrict or control or suspend or prohibit certain imports in accordance with a reasonable measure of consumption in the country in respect of the quality and quantity of such imported goods, particularly finished goods and consumer goods, since the Sri Lankan economy is based on a commercial background that is mainly import oriented.

In the last quarter of 2023, the said import restrictions were gradually eased in consultation with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and Department of Trade and Investment Policy, allowing the production of intermediate goods and also keeping in mind the intention of providing facilities to the industrialists and entrepreneurs of this country, based on the favorable outlook of the domestic economy due to import restrictions while considering the needs of the business community in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, by the end of the year 2023, easing the restrictions of temporary suspension on import through issuing Gazettes in 03 stages became positive tasks regarding import and export controls.

Furthermore, contributing to the regulate the existing payment terms with the guidance of the subject institutions and by analysing the negative effects caused to the economic operating system of this country through the payment terms used by importers, which are a very important sector in international trade, in a balanced manner, is an occasional important step taken by the department to secure the citizens of this country in the economic framework in all aspects.

Special attention was paid to the development of human and physical resources of the department, through organization of subject-specific training programs for officers at all levels of the department, as well as the expansion of the office space and the new establishment of appropriate locations for several divisions and units, in order to work effectively and sensitively to scope of the department. At the same time, it is another extension of the performance of the department's achievements, establishing service counters unique to the subjects of relevant units and deploying officers separately for those counters, for the convenience of the clients who come to the department.

Efforts were made to update the existing online computer system of the Department, blending with modern technology, in order to maintain the Department in a stable and orderly manner by

advancing its vision and mission through identified Sustainable Development Goals and to achieve the task of blending with the technological systems of the developed countries of the world, through it. Accordingly, it is a notable achievement in 2023 that the department received an online computer system for issuing import and export licenses prepared by the state of Estonia with the help of the American government. I would like to mention that the planned steps were already successfully completed in accordance with the relevant time frame.

Many work steps were planned and time frames were prepared together with the department staff for further improvement of the department process, in order to make the role of this department more efficient in the future,

On the whole, I would like to recall with gratitude the contribution made by the entire staff, including the executive officers, who have paved the way to gradually reach the department's vision by achieving the expected performance targets in the year 2023.

Moreover, the guidance provided by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies during this challenging period is also noteworthy. Also, I gratefully mention here the support of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Sri Lanka Customs and the commercial banking system of Sri Lanka, which are directly related to the work of this department, and other Ministries, Departments, Institutions, State Corporations and Statutory Boards, which are provided recommendations on issuing Licenses.

Within the legal framework covered by the Import and Export Control Act, No. 1 of 1969, all of us in the department have decided to commit ourselves to provide a more efficient and effective service by leading the Department of Import and Export Control to meet the expectations of the clients who are the majority of the private sector while adhering to the government's economic policies.

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Controller General of Imports and Exports

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Chapter 1 – Department Profile / Summary of Implementation

1.1 Introduction

Safe and standardized imports and exports, with a long history dating back to the reign of King Udaya IV in the 10th century, have evolved into a more systematic and international trade facilitation role to date through the Department of Import and Export Control, which is established based on the Imports and Exports Control Act, No. 1 of 1969.

Accordingly, most of the basic import restrictions imposed in the face of the economic crisis have now been lifted by this Department which played a special role, going beyond the traditional role as the case may be, through the control of import restrictions and payment methods in accordance with the powers of the said Act, integrating with the comments, suggestions, investigations and advice of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and other relevant parties paying attention to the positive trend of the crisis situation. Additionally, this Department could issue a large number of Extraordinary Gazettes in the year 2023.

Concerning national security, environmental conservation, good health and economic security, this Department takes every possible step to fulfil the procedure for issuance of import and export control licenses in a more effective and efficient manner to the satisfaction of the clients for the quantity and quality of the import and export products. There, relevant import controls are carried out in accordance with Basel, Montreal and other international conventions related to the environment. Furthermore, regulations related to public health protection were imposed by determining the standards of the goods during the importation of such goods. Accordingly, Sri Lanka standards have been mandated for 123 imported goods. In addition, measures were taken to prepare new rules in line with United Nations' 1540 Resolution, considering national security.

The basic foundation for introducing a new online system for issuance and debiting of licenses and other activities in the year 2024, was laid in this year. We hope that this will enable us to provide a more efficient and effective service to the public.

1.2 Departmental Vision, Mission, and Objectives

1.2.1 Vision

Regulation of Imports and Exports
towards a Sustainably Developed
Country.

1.2.2 Mission

Implementation of policy decisions taken
from time to time by the Government
regarding the security of the country,
economy, public health, environmental
protection, imports and exports control of
goods, in accordance with the Imports and
Exports Control Act No.1 of 1969.

1.2.3 Objectives

To regulate imports and exports in line with the policy decisions taken by the Government from time to time to ensure the security of the country, uplift the economy and protect public health and the environment.

1.3 Responsibilities and Tasks of the Department

- i. Issuing Extraordinary Gazette Notifications which include regulations pertaining to Imports and Exports control.
- ii. Issuing operational guidelines to Sri Lanka Customs, licensed banks and other relevant authorities regarding Imports and Exports control.
- iii. Issuing internal circulars pertaining to regulations issued on Imports and Exports Control.
- iv. Issuing licenses for the benefit of the local economy subject to Imports and Exports control regulations.
- v. Issuing Debit Notes after importation of items subject to License Control.
- vi. Imposing additional charges on importers who violate import and export control regulations or license conditions.
- vii. Coordinate with relevant government agencies on the development of a strategic trade management system and a method of issuing standardized import and export control licensing system.
- viii. Facilitating the implementation of recommendations of the World Trade Organization to promote local and foreign trade.
- ix. Working together with the Ministry of Environment to adhere to international conventions such as Basel Convention, Montreal Convention etc.
- x. Regulate and Publication of payment terms applicable to international commercial transactions.
- xi. Providing necessary assistance / instructions to the Director-General of Customs in the case of any issues arising in relation to the Imports and Exports Control Regulations.
- xii. Conducting training programs to develop capability, competence and productivity of departmental staff and employee welfare.
- xiii. Collection of relevant government fees and crediting them to Consolidated Fund.

1.4 Organizational Structure and Chart

The Controller General of Imports and Exports is the head of the Department of Import and Export Control under the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy.

In order to regulate the affairs of the entire import and export control sector including the imposition of laws, regulations and issuance of import control licenses under the Import and Export Control Act No. 1 of 1969, this department is implemented with the following divisions and units.

- I. Administration Division
- II. Accounts Division
- III. Research and Policy Division
- IV. Internal Audit Division
- V. Licenses Issuing Divisions
 - Unit 1 - Pharmaceuticals and Surgical Items
 - Unit 2 – Used Vehicles and Auto Parts
 - Unit 3 – Import of Chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides and industrial raw materials, and exports
 - Unit 4 – Mobile Phones, Communication equipment, and other
 - Unit 5 – Animals, Animal Products and Various Imports
- VI. Information Technology Division

In order to accomplish these tasks efficiently and effectively, the actual staff of the Import and Export Control Department is committed to serving the clients consistently under the organization chart below.

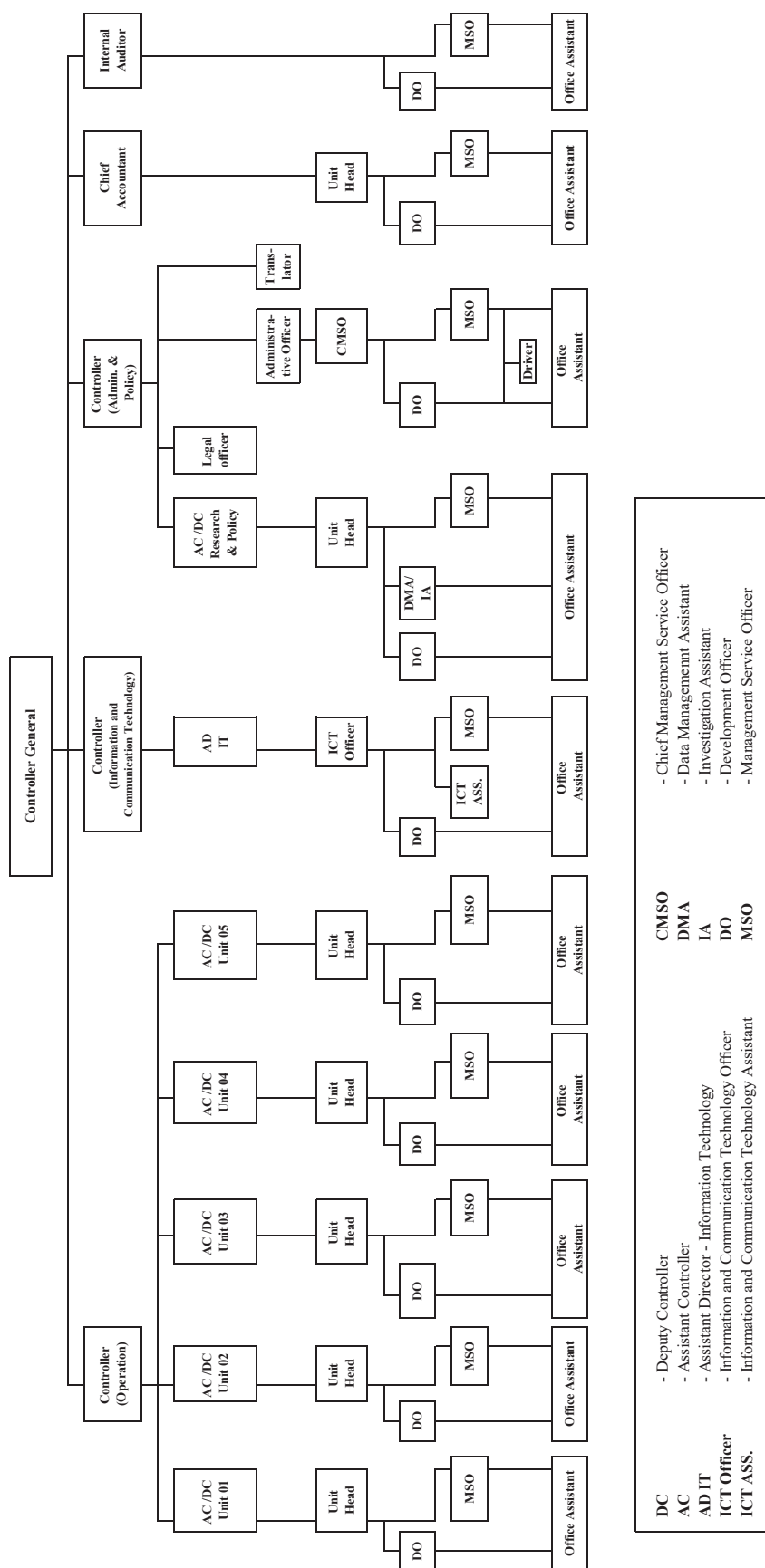
The approved staff is 122, as of 31.12.2023, and Efforts were made to provide optimal service to the public in the existing staff in 2023, although there are 17 vacancies from senior level to primary level.

Below is the staff information.

Staff Information as of 2023.12.31

Position	Service / Grade				Approv ed Staff	Current Staff	Vacanci es
Senior Level							
Controller General of Imports and Exports	SLAS	Special	SL 3	Executive	01	01	00
Imports and Exports Controller	SLAS	I	SL 1	Executive	02	02	00
Imports and Exports Controller (Information &Technology)	All Island Service	I	SL 1	Executive	01	01	00
Deputy/Assistant Controller	SLAS	II/III	SL 1	Executive	06	04	02
Chief Accountant	SLACS	I	SL 1	Executive	01	01	00
Chief Internal Auditor	SLACS	I	SL 1	Executive	01	01	00
Legal Officer	Dept.	II/III	SL 1	Executive	01	00	01
Assistant Director (Information &Technology)	SLITS	III	SL 1	Executive	01	01	00
					14	11	03
Tertiary level							
Administration Officer	M.S.O.	Supra	MN 7	Tertiary	01	01	00
Translator	T.S	I/II	MN 6	Tertiary	02	02	00
Information Technology Officer	SLITS	II	MN 6	Tertiary	01	01	00
					04	04	00
Secondary level							
Information Technology Assistant	SLITS	III	MT 1	Secondary	02	01	01
Data Management Assistant	Dept.		MN 4	Secondary	01	01	00
Investigation Assistant	Dept.		MN 4	Secondary	01	01	00
Development Officer	D.O.S	I/II/III	MN 4	Secondary	23	22	01
Management Service Officer	M.S.O.	I/II/III	MN 2	Secondary	57	50	07
					84	75	09
Primary level							
Driver	Driver Service	I/II/III	PL 3	Primary	05	03	02
Office Assistant	Office Ass. Service	I/II/III	PL 1	Primary	15	12	03
					20	15	05
Total					122	105	17

Organization Chart



Chapter 2 - Performance and progress of the department

2.1 Policy Directives related to Regulation of Import and Export of Goods

The financial crisis that accompanied the global epidemic of Covid-19 has continued in 2021 and 2022, and hence, Sri Lanka's economy suffered a rapid decline. Especially as a result of that, the continuous depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee relative to the US dollar was also shown. Alleviating this economic crisis situation, the important steps needed to face it were identified in the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Here, through the regulations published by the Department of Import and Export Control, the import of non-essential goods into Sri Lanka has been temporarily suspended, especially in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, and payment of bills for imports through Open Accounts have been completely prohibited by the Payment Term Regulations, and the importers who are re-exporters and local industrialists were exempted from the restriction. However, due to the various economic management strategies adopted by the government, the Sri Lankan Rupee has begun to gradually recover against the US dollar, and a positive economic start was reflected, as the country's inflation rate gradually decreased, the pressure on the balance of payments decreased, and investment in capital goods grew steadily, from the year 2023. Accordingly, in the year 2023, basic steps were taken to relax the import control restrictions that had been imposed until then.

There, in the year 2023, the temporary suspension of import on other imported goods, except vehicles, was completely removed through Extraordinary Gazette Notifications issued in accordance with the provisions of the Import and Export Control Act, considering the increase in the exchange reserve of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the ability of the commercial banks to pay for those imports due to the release of the required amount of American dollars for the authorized commercial banks.

In accordance with the Gazette No. 2312/75 dated 01.01.2023, which was jointly published by Sri Lanka Customs and the Department of Trade and Investment Policy at the beginning of 2023, this Department was published Extraordinary Gazette Notifications on January 01, 2023, which includes the new Harmonized System Codes relevant to the goods subject to import control. 1051 goods (HS Code) which are subject to import license, 49 goods (HS Codes) which are completely Banned for import into Sri Lanka, 504 goods (HS Codes) where the issuance of Import license has suspended until further notice, and 1218 goods (HS Codes) which are temporarily suspended until further notice, were published in the said Gazette Notifications.

2.1.1 Issuance of New Regulations under the Imports and Exports Control Act

No	Gazette Extraordinary No	Date	Description
1	2312/77	01.01.2023	Update and consolidate Import Control License list, Import Ban list, and Temporary Suspension of Import Licenses list, in accordance with the seventh edition of the Harmonized Classification Nomenclature (HS) introduced by the World Customs Organization in 2022
2	2312/78	01.01.2023	Update and consolidate Import Temporary Suspended list in accordance with the seventh edition of the

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			Harmonized Classification Nomenclature (HS) introduced by the World Customs Organization in 2022
3	2315/46	19.01.2023	Extension of permitted period for import of wheat flour under Open Account / Consignment Account until January 31, 2023
4	2320/46	22.02.2023	Allow the delegation of the responsibility of recommending the importation of project goods for government approved projects / development projects under the open account payment term, to the respective secretaries of the Ministries of subjects of Power, Water, Highways and Irrigation
5	2320/47	22.02.2023	Allow the importation of cosmetic items (15 HS codes) where the importation has been temporarily suspended, to be limited to 50% of the average value (CIF) of previous imports (of 05 years) for a year
6	2324/45	24.03.2023	Grant 3 years grace period for manufacture / assemble of 4 quadricycles without Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) within the Product Bonding facility of Sri Lanka Customs
7	2326/40	06.04.2023	Exemption from the requirement of endorsing proforma invoice on importation of milk powder and red lentils under Document against Payment (DP) and Document against Acceptance (DA) payment terms.
8	2326/41	06.04.2023	Ban the importation of single-use plastic drinking straws, stirrers, plates, cups (except yogurt cups), spoons including yogurt spoons, forks, knives, and plastic garlands and plastic string hopper trays.
9	2335/26	09.06.2023	Removal of 286 Harmonized System Codes from the list of 1,218 Harmonized System Codes of which the importation has been temporarily suspended by Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023, dated January 01, 2023 - (Phase I)
10	2336/45	14.06.2023	Subject wheat flour under Import Control License.
11	2341/38	20.07.2023	Removal of 237 Harmonized System Codes from the list of 1,218 Harmonized System Codes of which the importation has been temporarily suspended by Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023, dated January 01, 2023 - (Phase II)

No	Gazette Extraordinary No	Date	Description
			Permit registered catering service providers who serve passengers of international airlines to import plastic utensils such as single-use disposable cutlery, which was previously prohibited by the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 08 of 2023
12	2345/03	14.08.2023	Allow import of commercial vehicles (buses, lorries, trucks, tanks, bowsers and special lorries) classified under 25 HS Codes, of which the importation has been temporarily suspended by the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023 dated January 01, 2023
13	2347/08	29.08.2023	Rescind the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 10 of 2023, by which the wheat flour subjected to license control.
14	2353/16	09.10.2023	Removal of 299 Harmonized System Codes (excluding motor vehicles) from the list of 1,218 Harmonized System Codes of which the importation has been temporarily suspended by Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023 dated January 01, 2023 - (Phase III) and Facilitate import of agricultural commodities subject to the control of import licenses so as not to prejudice or block local agriculture.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 -01.01.2023

The Seventh edition of the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature i.e HS 2022 has been introduced by the World Customs Organization (WCO) in 2022, with major features of adaption to current trade through the recognition of new product streams and addressing environmental and social issues of global concern, and the new Revenue Protection Order (RPO) was updated accordingly. Subsequently, the Control Lists (Import Control License, Import Ban, Temporary Suspension of Import Licenses) published under the Import and Export (Control) Act No. 1 of 1969, were updated and consolidated.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/78 -01.01.2023

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Gazette Extraordinary No. 2315/46 – 19.01.2023

The period allowed for import of wheat flour under Open Account / Consignment Account was extended until January 31, 2023, as per the approval of Cabinet of Ministers granted on January 10, 2023, for the Cabinet Memorandum No. 23/0006/627/001 dated December 30, 2022 of the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security requesting to permit the importation of wheat flour under the Open Account payment term until January 31, 2023, in order to maintain the price of wheat flour in the domestic market.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/46 - 22.02.2023

According to the Imports Control Regulations on Payment Terms No. 07 of 2022, as amended, use of Open Account Payment term has been limited to direct / indirect Exporters, local manufactures and Government Institutions including Development Projects. However, considering the difficulties faced by the Terminal Operators, who are earning foreign exchange by supplying terminal services to the exporters, importers and shipping lines, in importation of spare parts, equipment and machineries, etc. required for repairs, maintenance, upgrade of the terminal facilities, import such goods under the Open Account Payment term and settle the bills by using their forex earnings has been allowed on the recommendation of the Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation.

Further, recommending responsibility vested in the Secretary to the Treasury on importation of project goods for the purpose of Government approved projects / development projects under Open Account Payment term has been delegated for the subjects of Power, Water, Highways and Irrigation to the Secretaries to the respective Ministries of said subjects, with a view to expedite approval process and avoid unproductive steps.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2320/47 - 22.02.2023

Even though the importation of Cosmetics has been Temporary Suspended (TS), the importation of cosmetics (15 HS Codes) was allowed subject to recommendation of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority (NMRA) and Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA), at the request of those involved in the industry. However, considering the limitations faced by both NMRA and SLTDA on issuing recommendations and further requests of Cosmetic and Personal Care Associations, importation of cosmetics has been allowed limited to 50% of the five-year average value (CIF) of such items, per year.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2324/45 -24.03.2023

In terms of the Imports and Exports (Control) Regulation No. 01 of 2019, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/45 dated January 25, 2019, all motor vehicles classifiable under HS chapter 87 (including Quadricycles) shall comply with the Vehicular Exhaust Emission Standards and safety measures/ Standards, as specified in the said Regulation. However, the Minister of Industries has obtained the approval of Cabinet of Ministers to the proposals set out in the Note to the Cabinet No. 22/1653/617/013 dated October 10, 2022, titled “Providing excise duty concession under the HS Code 8703.21.63 and 8703.21.72 for locally built Quadricycles without consideration of Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)”. Accordingly, a Three-year (03) grace period has been allowed for manufacturing/assembling Quadricycles in the Manufacture In-Bond Facility of the Sri Lanka Customs, without Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS). Further, Harmonized System Codes (HS Codes) relevant to motor vehicles published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/45 dated January 25, 2019, have also been updated in line with the amendments made to the Harmonized System codes (HS Codes – 2022 Edition) by Revenue Protection Order (RPO)

published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/75 dated January 01, 2023, which was jointly published by Sri Lanka Customs and the Department of Trade and Investment Policy.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/40 – 06.04.2023

Exemption from endorsement requirement, as specified in the Regulation No. 6 of the Imports Control Regulations on Payment Terms No. 07 of 2022, granted for the importation of Milk Powder and Red Lentils under the Documents against Payment (DP) and Documents against Acceptance (DA) terms, until January 19, 2023, in terms of the approval granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to the proposals set out in the Cabinet Memorandum No. 22/1260/627/007 dated August 19, 2022, submitted by the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security, has been removed by the Imports Control Regulations on Payment Terms No. 03 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2315/46 dated January 19, 2023. However, exemption from endorsement requirement has been re-enforced on the representation made by importers of essential food commodities to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security to continue the aforesaid exemption in order to ensure an uninterrupted supply of Milk Powder and Red Lentils in the domestic market.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/41 -06.04.2023

The Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 08 of 2023 has been published to ban the importation of Single-use plastic drinking straws, stirrers, plates, cups (other than yogurt cups), spoons including yogurt spoons, forks, knives, Plastic garlands and Plastic string hopper trays, with effect from June 01, 2023, as per the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers granted on January 13, 2023, to the proposals set out in the Note to the Cabinet No. 23/0265/622/003 dated January 31, 2023, titled “Control of Single-Use Plastic/Polythene Waste”, of the Ministry of Environment

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2335/26 -09.06.2023

In the setting of economic recovery and adjustment program supported by an Extended Fund Facility Arrangement of the IMF, attention of the relevant stakeholders including public and private entities was drawn on continuation of the prevailing Temporary Suspension of importation of goods under the Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/78 dated January 01, 2023. Accordingly, possibility of relaxing / removing goods from the existing schedule of temporary suspension regulations was discussed at the meetings held on April 06, 2023, and May 19, 2023, at the Department of Trade and Investment Policies with the participation of officials of the Ministry of Industries, Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and Department of Imports and Exports Control. Further, the Governor of the CBSL informed the Secretary to the Treasury to consider the relaxation of restrictions / temporary suspension of importation of goods in a phased-out manner, prioritizing them based on the importance to growth support and possible Balance of Payment (BOP) pressure. In this context, total of 286 HS Codes were removed from list of 1,216 HS Codes in the schedule of temporary suspension based on stakeholders’ requests, the size of the annual import bill and the requirement of replacement.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/45 -14.06.2023

Having considered the appreciation of Rupee and its impact on the wheat flour price in the domestic market, meetings were held at the Presidential Secretariat on May 31, 2023, and June 06, 2023 with the participation of the Senior Economic Advisor to the President, officials and local manufacturers of wheat flour to examine possibility to trickle down the benefits of appreciation of Rupee to the consumers, and it has been decided at the meeting held on June 06, 2023, to impose

restrictions under the Imports and Exports Control Act, No. 1 of 1969 to control the direct import of wheat flour in the short term (for a period of two to three months) to eliminate the market imbalance and replace the import licensing for importation of wheat flour by the appropriate rate of Special Commodity Levy on importation of wheat flour. Accordingly, the import of wheat flour was subjected to License control.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2341/38 - 20.07.2023

As per the policy discussions together with the advice of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, it has been decided to gradually relax import restrictions (Temporary Suspensions, imposed by the Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/78 dated January 01, 2023) prioritizing them based on the importance to trade activity support and possible Balance of Payment (BOP) pressures, whereas import restrictions on passenger motor vehicles and some selected goods to be continued until BOP pressure subside notably. In this context, a list of 327 HS Codes, identified in consultation with the Ministry of Industries, the technical team of the International Monetary Fund, were removed from the schedule of temporary suspension.

Also, for the purpose of providing services to passengers of international airlines, registered catering service providers have been allowed to import single-use plastic utensils such as cutlery and knives, which were previously banned by the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 08 of 2023.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2345/03 – 14.08.2023

Importation of certain goods including motor vehicles has been temporarily suspended since 2020, as part of government policy measures aimed at easing growing pressure on the exchange rate and the financial market due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Having considered the improving economic situation, policy reviews along with advice from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, import restrictions on importation are being gradually relaxed, giving priority to goods required for facilitation of growth supported activities while minimizing the pressure on Balance of Payment (BOP).

In this context, the Presidential Secretariat has requested the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to explore possibility of allowing importation of buses for the purpose of tourist transportation. Accordingly, commercial purposes vehicles (buses, lorries, trucks, tankers, bowsers and special purpose lorries), classified under 25 HS Codes, based on the observation of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka have been removed from the Schedule of Temporary Suspension.

However, this Gazette was canceled within one month from the date of publication of the gazette as per Section 20 of the Import and Export Control Act No. 1 of 1969, due to failure to meet the legal requirement under said section, since the Gazette was not approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2347/08 – 29.08.2023

In a discussion held at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy, taking into consideration the comments of the Public Finance Committee regarding the removal of the import license limit imposed on the import of wheat flour, it has been decided to revise the Customs Import Duty waiver on importation of wheat grain and Customs Import Duty on importation of wheat flour, subject to the removal of Import Control License on importation of wheat flour.

Accordingly, the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 10 of 2023, published in the Gazette No. 2336/45 dated June 14, 2023 has been rescinded to exempt the requirement of import control license for wheat flour.

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2353/16 – 09.10.2023

Removal of the remaining 299 HS codes (excluding motor vehicles) from the schedule of temporary suspension of imports was done under the third phase of relaxing Import restrictions imposed on the import of goods under temporary suspension as specified in the Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 02 of 2023, published in Gazette Notification No. 2312/78 dated January 01, 2023, based on the importance to activity support and possible Balance of Payment (BOP) pressures, and selected agriculture products (25 HS Codes), which are produced locally were subjected to Import Control License until a tariff review is completed.

2.1.2 Issuance of Operating Instructions and Internal Circulars

Awareness of Sri Lanka Customs, all Commercial Banks and Departmental Officers regarding the regulations of the Gazette Notifications issued by the Department during the year is very important.

Hence, it is a primary responsibility of the department to issue operational instructions and issue internal circulars for the information of the concerned parties whenever a Gazette is published. Accordingly, the Department has taken steps to issue 10 Operating Instructions and 19 Internal Circulars in 2023.

2.2 Issuance of Imports and Exports Control Licenses

As an institution that regulates import and export activities, the main function of this Department is to issue licenses for items subject to import and export control license. Accordingly, licenses are issued under 5 units established in this Department in order to provide quality service to the clients by carrying out that function in a systematic and effective manner.

Accordingly, the information related to the licenses issued by each unit in the year 2023 is as follows.

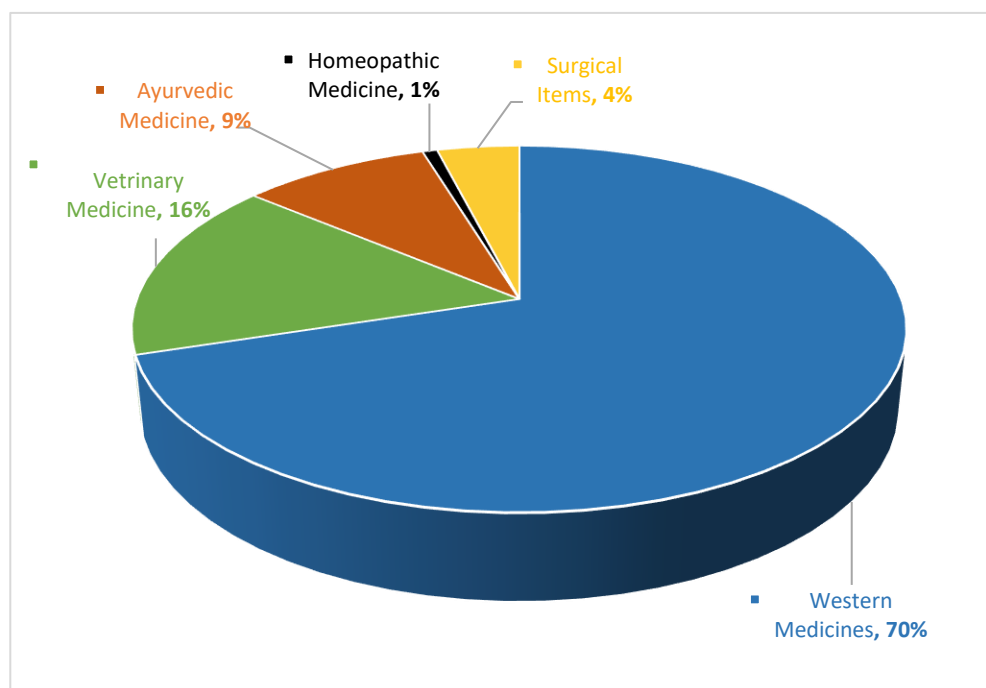
2.2.1. Unit 01- Pharmaceuticals and Surgical Items

Pharmaceuticals and Surgical items have classified under five categories for the purpose of issuing licenses, and the number of licenses issued under each category in the year 2023 is as follows.

No	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
1	Western medicine	400	1,365
2	Veterinary medicine	410	309
3	Ayurvedic medicine	420	179
4	Homeopathic medicines	430	14
5	Surgical items	450	78
Total			1,945

This unit has identified some safety measures to be taken prior to the issuance of import licenses for medicines and medical devices under the approval given by the National Medicine Regulatory Authority in accordance with Section 109 of the National Medicine Regulatory Authority Act, No. 05 of 2015, and special conditions to be included in the import licenses. Further, a follow-up was done on the utilization of Bulk Import Licenses obtained in relation to the year 2023, and the conditions related to licenses were reviewed and prepared.

Number of licenses issued for Pharmaceuticals and Surgical Items

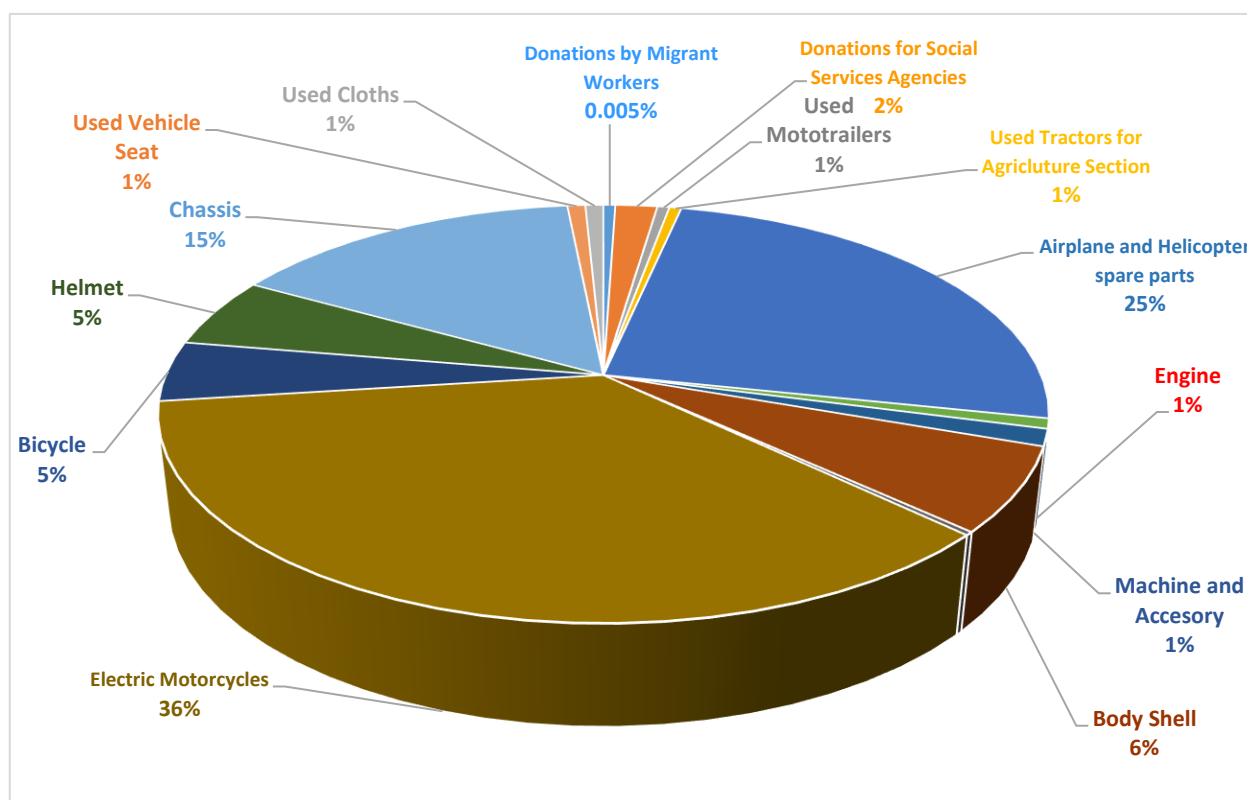


2.2.2 Unit 2 - Used Vehicles and Auto Parts

This unit issues licenses for used vehicles and spare parts and the licenses were issued in relation to the year 2023, as follows;

No	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
1	Donations by migrant workers	110	02
2	Donations for social service agencies	150	07
3	Motor Trailers (used)	185	02
4	Used tractors for the agriculture sector	190	02
5	Airplane and Helicopter Spare Parts	210	96
6	Engine	220	03
7	Machines and Accessories	225	05
8	Body Shell	230	25
9	Used Motorcycles	240	01
10	Electric motorcycles	242	138
11	Bicycles	244	18
12	Helmets	245	21
13	Chassis	290	59
14	Seats (used vehicle seats)	320	03
15	Used Cloths	720	03
Total			385

Number of licenses issued for Used Vehicles and Auto Parts

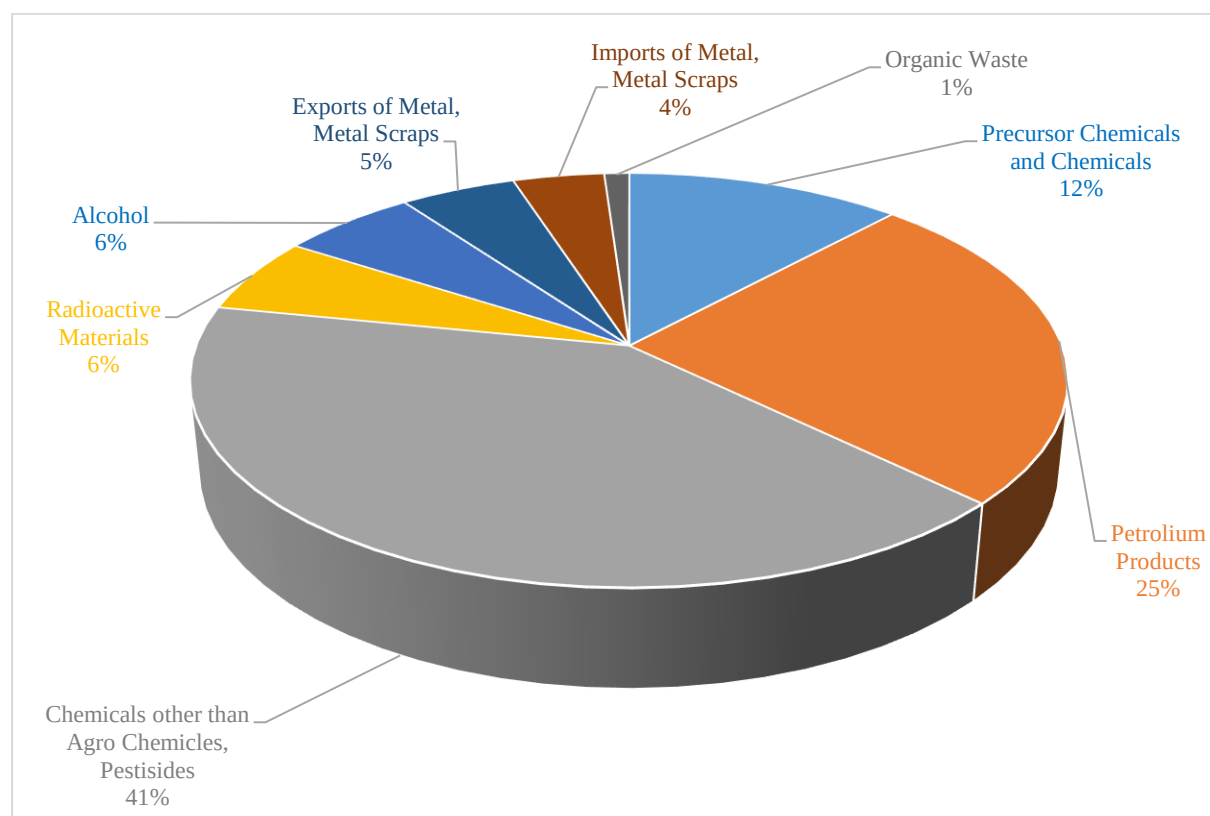


2.2.3 Unit 3 – Import of Chemicals, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Industrial Raw Materials, and Exports

Details of licenses issued in 2023 for imported chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides and industrial raw materials into Sri Lanka, and exports are as follows.

No.	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
1	Precursor chemicals and Chemicals	500	508
2	Petroleum products	510	1,075
3	Chemicals other than agrochemicals, Pesticides	520	1,743
4	Radioactive materials	530	253
5	alcohol	540	250
6	Sludge oil	700	0
7	Exports of metal, metal scrap	710	213
8	Imports of metal, metal scrap	715	168
9	Organic waste	735	46
Total			4,256

Number of licenses issued for Chemicals, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Industrial Raw Materials



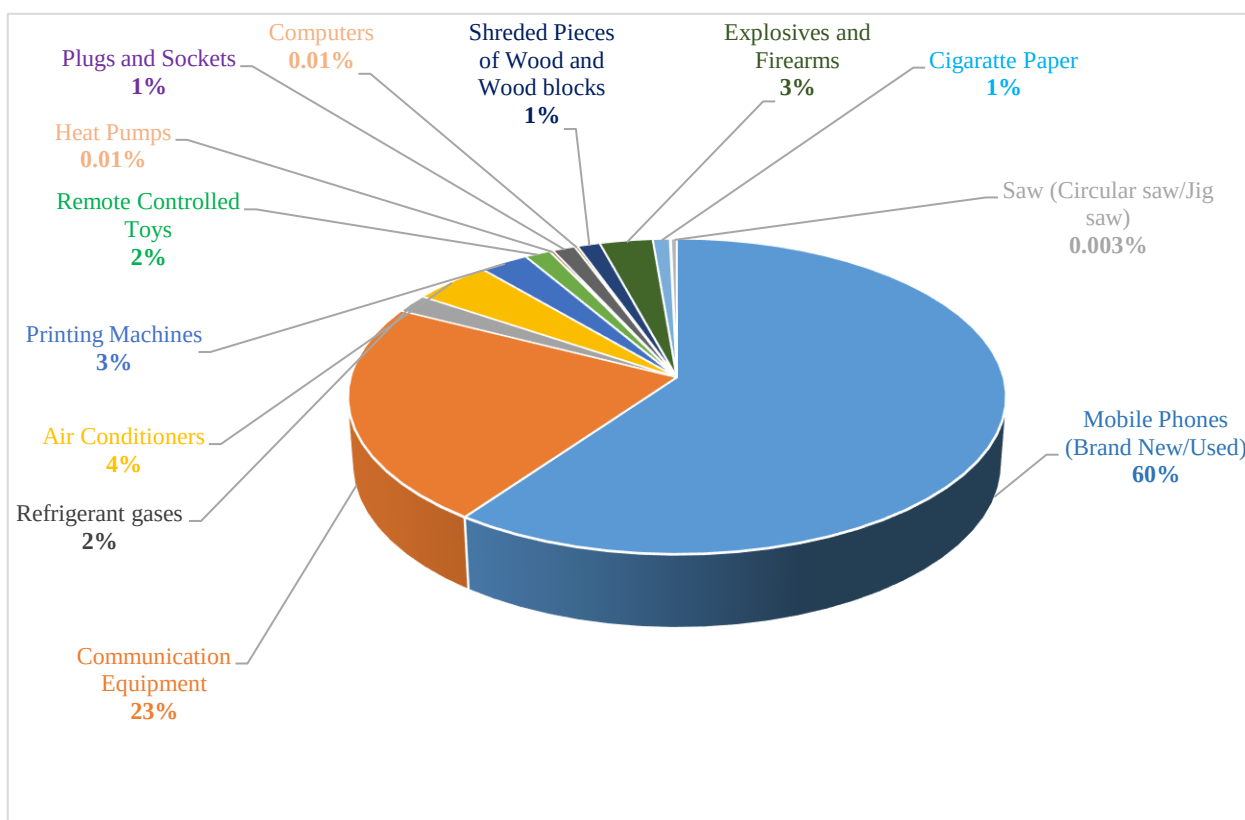
2.2.4 Unit 4 - Mobile Phones and Communication Equipment and other

Import licenses were issued as follows for mobile phones and communication equipment and other imports in the year 2023.

No.	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
1	Mobile Phones (Used / New)	615	3128
2	Communication equipment	620	1175
3	Refrigerant gases	640	99
4	Air conditioners	645	228
5	Printing Machines	690	142
6	Remote controlled toys	660	74
7	Used Refrigerators, Used Air Conditioners	630	01
8	Heat pumps	631	10
9	Plugs and sockets	655	65
10	Computers	625	09
11	Shredded Pieces of Wood and Wood blocks	602	65
12	Ivory and Ivory articles	603	00
13	Explosives a Firearms	600	153
14	Cigarette Papers	670	49
15	Exports	605	00
16	Coins	610	00
17	Used Washing machines	635	00
18	Disc-operated game sets and coin-operated game machines	650	00
19	Used Furniture	680	03

20	Saw (Circular Saw / Jig Saw))	685	17
21	Weather Balloon	695	00
Total			5,218

Number of licenses issued for Mobile Phones, Communication Equipment and other Imports, and Exports

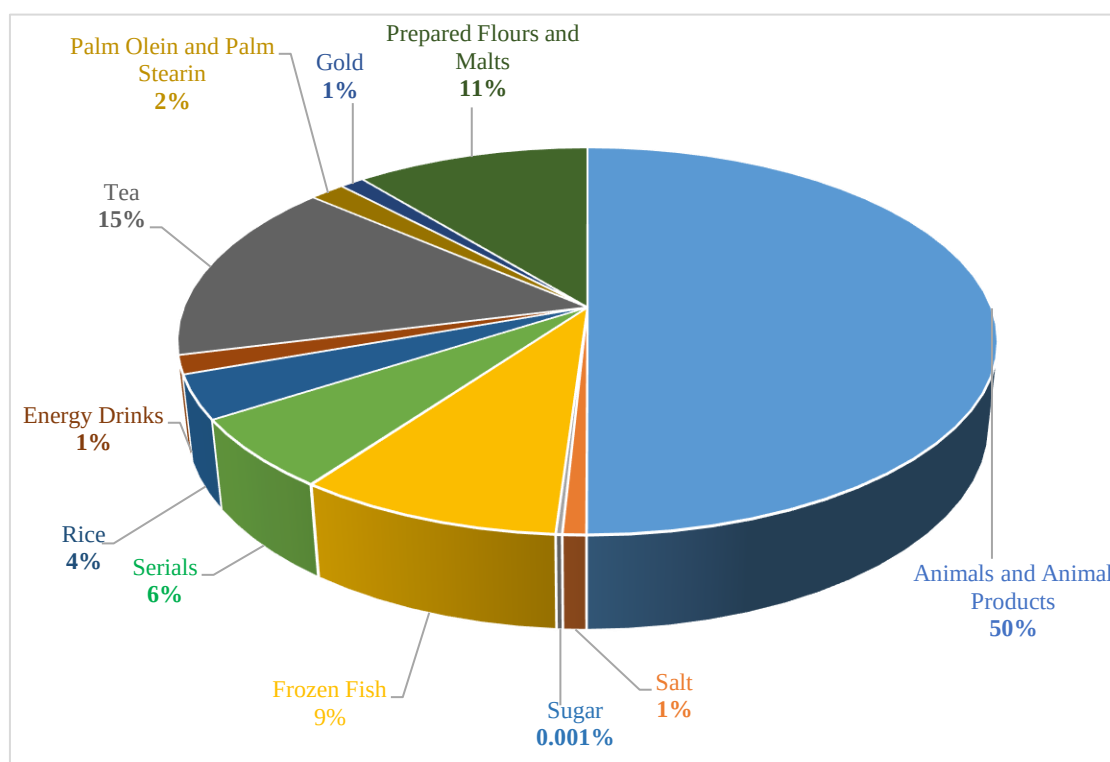


2.2.5 Unit 5- Animals, Animal Products and Various Imports

Import licenses were issued as follows for Animals, Animal Products and Various Imports

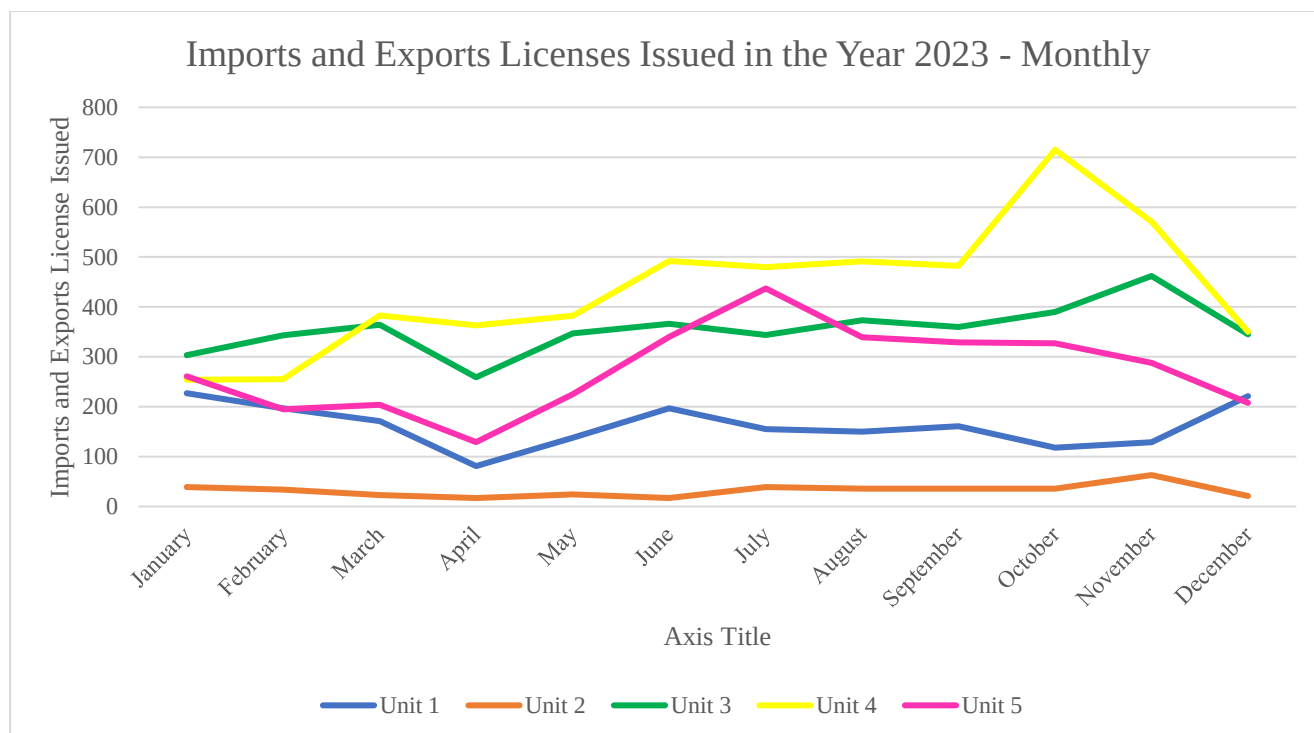
No.	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
1	Animals and Animal Products	550	1642
2	Salt	505	26
3	Sugar	515	07
4	Frozen Fish	555	293
5	Frozen Squid	556	00
6	Shelled cashews	560	01
7	Serials	570	193
8	Rice	572	120
9	Energy Drinks	575	51
10	Tea	580	500
11	Palm Olein and Palm Stearin	750	54
12	Gold	760	37
13	Prepared Flours and Malts	815	358
Total			3,282

Number of licenses issued for Animals, Animal Products and Various Imports



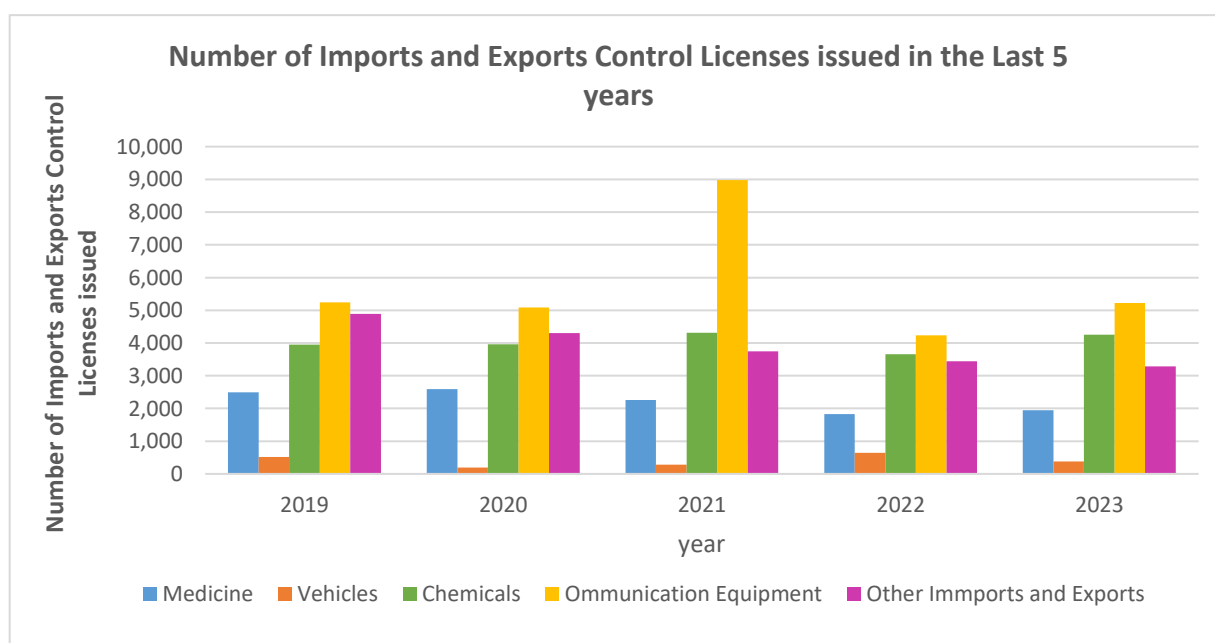
2.2.6 Licenses Issued in the Year 2023 - Monthly

Month	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Total
January	227	39	303	254	261	1,084
February	197	34	343	255	195	1,024
March	171	23	364	383	204	1,145
April	81	17	259	363	129	849
May	138	24	347	382	225	1,116
June	197	17	366	492	340	1,412
July	155	39	344	480	437	1,455
August	150	36	373	491	339	1,389
September	161	36	360	482	329	1,368
October	118	36	390	715	327	1,586
November	129	63	462	571	288	1,513
December	221	21	345	350	208	1,145
Total	1,945	385	4,256	5,218	3,282	15,086



2.2.7 Imports and Exports Control Licenses Issued in the Last 5 Years

	Good	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Unit 01	Medicine	2,489	2,594	2,255	1,832	1,945
Unit 02	Vehicles and Auto parts	518	197	284	647	385
Unit 03	Chemicals and Exports	3,948	3,956	4,313	3,653	4,256
Unit 04	Mobile phones, Communication Equipment and other	5,241	5,083	8,982	4,231	5,218
Unit 05	Animals, Animal products and various imports	4,888	4,299	3,742	3,443	3,282
Total		17,084	16,129	19,576	13,806	15,086



2.3 Data review of Import and Export Control Licenses Issued during the last 3 Years

2.3.1 Unit 1 - Pharmaceuticals and Surgical Items

The issuance of new licenses has slightly increased by 6.2% in 2023 compared to 2022 due to increased financial liquidity and the continued strengthening of the exchange rate. Apart from the Ayurvedic medicine category, there is an increasing trend in the number of licenses issued for all the other categories of Western Medicines, Veterinary Medicines, Homeopathic Medicines and Medical Devices.

Although, the number of new licenses issued in 2022 fell compared to 2021, it appears to be normalizing with an upward trend from 2023 onwards. Overall, it seems that the relaxation of various control conditions imposed on imports and the growth of foreign reserves have encouraged pharmaceutical companies to meet the country's pharmaceutical needs without shortages.

2.3.2 Unit 2 - Used vehicles and Auto Parts

In the year 2020, the Department was published regulations to temporarily suspend the import of vehicles and spare parts in order to reduce the pressure on the exchange rate in the face of the Covid-19 global pandemic and to raise local industries. As a result, there has been a significant decrease in the number of licenses issued for the import of vehicles by this unit, compared to the situation before the year 2020. According to the policy decisions taken by the government, licenses has been issued to import auto spare parts for the upliftment of local vehicle assembly industries locally, in the year 2021. As a result, issuance of licenses for the import of auto parts has grown steadily from 2021 to 2023.

Total number of licenses issued from Unit 2 in the year 2022 has increased with the issuance of licenses for items such as glassware, furniture, candles, sanitary ware, sunglasses, watches, and musical instruments in the said year by subjecting such items under license control by Gazette Extraordinary No. 2270/18 dated March 09, 2022, and Gazette Extraordinary No. 2274/42 dated April 09, 2022. Subsequently, these items were removed from license control by Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/21 dated May 31, 2022.

Furthermore, although the migrant workers were more likely to import electric motorcycles and bicycles by subjecting those items under licensing control by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2294/29 dated August 23, 2022, in that year, there is a rapid decline in obtaining licenses to import those items by migrant workers in the year 2023.

Accordingly, the total licenses issued by this unit show a gradual growth after the year 2020 and a slight decline compared to the year 2023.

2.3.3 Unit 3 – Import of Chemicals, Fertilizers, Pesticides and Industrial Raw Materials, and Exports

Issuance of licenses for the import of precursor chemicals, petroleum related products, radioactive materials, alcohol related raw materials, chemicals required for other industries, and other raw materials and for the export of scrap metal is done by Unit 3

Accordingly, number of import and export licenses issued under all categories in the year 2023 has increased compared to the last three years. As the pressure on the exchange rate due to the Covid pandemic in 2020 has gradually subsided, the manufacturing industries have gradually returned to their normal rhythm. Therefore, imports have gradually increased compared to the last three years. Also, due to the increase in production activities, the amount of scrap metal generated by it has also been exported more.

2.3.4 Unit 4 - Mobile Phones, Communication Equipment and other

Issuing Import Control License for items such as mobile phones, communication equipment, electronic equipment, wood, saws and remote-controlled toys is done by this unit.

Further, with the issuance of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2335/26 dated June 09, 2023, the unit was assigned the task of collecting additional fees in relation to the applications referred by the Sri Lanka Customs on the violation of Open Account, Consignment Account, Documents against Acceptance and Documents against Payment terms. Accordingly, 126 applications were approved in the year 2023.

2.3.5 Unit 5 – Other Imports

Compared to the year 2022, the total number of licenses issued in the year 2023 shows a higher value and when considering categories, although the issuance of licenses for certain categories shows a higher value, the number of licenses issued for certain categories is lower compared to the year 2022.

With the subjection of rice under import license control by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2309/40 dated December 09, 2022, 86 import control licenses were issued as of 31.12.2022, for the customs clearance of the rice consignments which has allowed to be imported as per the provisions of the said gazette and licenses have also been issued in the year 2023 as per the said Gazette.

The issuance of licenses for import of cashews, black gram flour and groundnuts which had been temporarily suspended, has started since those items were brought under license control by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2553/16 dated October 09, 2023. Therefore, the number of licenses issued under category 570 shows an increase compared to the year 2022.

Wheat flour has been subjected to import control by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2336/45 dated June 14, 2023, and accordingly 358 import control licenses for wheat flour have been issued for the year 2023.

The import of frozen squid under category 556 has decreased sequentially in previous years, and no import was made in the year 2023, as an artificial substitute for squid which is used as bait in the fishing industry has become popular.

Due to the removal of several non-essential goods classified under 14 categories, which have been subjected to import control licenses via the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2274/42 dated April 09, 2022, by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2282/21 dated May 31, 2022, no Import licenses have been issued for any of these categories in the year 2023.

It is observed that the increase in the country's foreign exchange compared to previous years has led to an increase in imports under certain categories.

2.4 Payment Terms of Imports and Exports and Orders

The Department also regulates international trade transactions carried out for commercial purposes. For that, foreign trade payment terms have been published by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1739/03 dated January 01, 2012, and the payment terms are mentioned below. Further, Operational instructions are regularly issued to commercial banks regarding these payment terms.

1. Advanced Payments
2. Documents against Acceptance - DA
3. Letters of Credit - LC
4. Documents against Payment

5. Open Accounts - OA

6. Consignment Accounts Basis

In cases where the goods have not been imported or payment has not been made to comply with the regulations related to the above-mentioned payment methods, approval is given by the Import and Export Control Department before releasing the goods from Sri Lanka Customs and making payments related to the import. Accordingly, the approvals given in the year 2023 are as follows.

Approvals granted by Unit 02 in 2023								
Month	Types of Approvals							
	Advanced Payments	Payments on Documents against Acceptance	Payments on open Accounts	Re-exports	Releasing Disposable Materials to the Local Market from BOI Registered Industries	Payments on e-Payments and letters of credit	Other	Total
January	23	84	88	03	03	148	01	350
February	07	100	98	05	04	107	04	325
March	17	108	196	03	02	172	01	499
April	04	66	139	07	0	95	08	319
May	14	89	219	0	02	170	06	500
June	09	101	207	04	03	117	10	451
July	07	52	117	02	01	129	06	314
August	07	42	81	01	05	102	03	241
September	05	48	72	02	00	97	02	226
October	06	58	97	01	03	105	05	275
November	09	43	95	04	05	37	03	196
December	11	33	67	03	03	42	08	167
Total	119	824	1,476	35	31	1,321	57	3,863

2.5 Regulation and Facilitation of Imports and Exports in Sri Lanka

2.5.1 Import (Standardization and Quality Control) Regulations

Standardization and Quality Control Regulations are issued from time to time mandating and updating imported goods to comply with Sri Lankan standards in order to enable the consumers of the country to use high standard and high-quality imported goods. Accordingly, the Department has identified the necessity to amend the Standardization and Quality Control Regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2064/34 dated March 29, 2018, which is currently in force and the relevant measures were entered into in the year 2023.

Thus, views and suggestions of the relevant parties was obtained to identify new imported items that have to be complied with the standardization and quality control. Accordingly, after discussions with various Government Institutions, Chambers of Commerce and commercial banks on the possibility of including all the proposals in the Gazette Notification, the drafting of the Gazette Notification was completed in 2023 and scheduled to be published in 2024.

2.5.2 Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 in Sri Lanka

As the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of targeting threaten international peace, support to non-state actors in the acquisition, possession and delivery, transportation and use of such weapons must be prevented. The implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 requires the export, re-export, transit and trans-shipment of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons related materials for peaceful purposes, according to the relevant laws. It is shown that since there is not enough legislation to fulfill those things, Sri Lanka should prepare a well-planned legal framework regarding the export of these strategic goods. Through the implementation of an international agreement, responsibility and accountability will be demonstrated in our country and will be gained many benefits to Sri Lanka.

In accordance with the above requirements, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval on September 11, 2019 for the implementation of 1540 Resolution in Sri Lanka. Also, for the effective implementation of the proposal and to provide the necessary legal and technical support intervention, two committees made up of government institutions as the Legislation Committee and the Technical Committee have been appointed with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers. The technical committee has prepared the EU Military list and the EU Dual-Use Control List in English, Sinhala and Tamil languages.

However, the Legal Draftsman has commented on 08.03.2023 that it is appropriate to obtain the approval of the present Cabinet of Ministers for this as the approval of Cabinet of Ministers granted for this is in 2019 and it is an outdated decision. Accordingly, the new Cabinet Memorandum prepared was submitted for the approval of Cabinet of ministers.

Furthermore, the Strategic Trade Management Act has been drafted to make arrangements in order to implement the said proposal. Here, the bill prepared as per the observations of the subject experts dealing with United Nations Resolution 1540 and the legislative committee appointed for the most effective implementation of Resolution 1540 in Sri Lanka, as well as by studying the strategic trade management laws currently in force in the countries of the Asia Pacific region, was referred to the Legal Draftsman. further action is to be taken based on the observations of the Legal Draftsman.

2.5.3 Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate

The Gazette Extraordinary No. 1804/17 dated April 04, 2013, has been published including the authorized inspection agencies from which the pre-shipment test certificate should be obtained, since it is necessary to check whether the used vehicles imported into Sri Lanka comply with the prescribed emission standards and safety measurement standards.

Taking into account the difficulties in service provided due to the monopoly that has accumulated on the basis that pre-shipment inspection certificate should be obtained only from the inspection bodies published by the said Gazette, the need to increase the number of authorized inspection agencies has arisen with the aim of providing more efficient and quality service to their clients. Accordingly, the department has made necessary arrangements to carry out the said work through a technical evaluation committee.

At present, the gazette notification required to increase the number of authorized testing institutes has been drafted and further work is being done in coordination with the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board to obtain information regarding several authorized testing institutes.

Accordingly, through the publication of this gazette notification, the importers will be able to reduce the difficulties they will face in importing vehicles and ensure the safety of the customers who buy them.

2.5.4 Gazette Notification to Publish List of Importers who Violate the Import Control Regulations (Blacklist)

Publication of the list of importers who make imports that do not comply with the standards prescribed by the import and export control regulations is an effort to fulfill the social responsibility of ensuring the national economy, public health and safety as well as environmental safety. Therefore, provisions have been made under this to publish the list of importers whose imports do not conform to the standards prescribed by the Import and Export Control Regulations.

The regulations have been prepared in tri-languages including related procedures and submitted to the Legal Draftsman, and after making the necessary amendments, the draft with the regulations will be made public through a gazette notification soon after obtaining the observations and advice of the Attorney General.

2.5.5 Introducing a New Recommendation Format for Granting Permits for Imports and Exports (Recommending Authorities)

A new format has been introduced to make it more systematic to get the recommendations issued by various agencies for issuing import control licenses, and it has prepared including important information such as quantity, quality, information about the supplier etc of the imported goods. The model has been introduced to all license recommending agencies, and this has been prepared so that it can also be used for issuing licenses through the proposed new computer software system.

Although there is a tendency to submit letters stating that they have no objection regarding the importation of a certain product by the institution giving the relevant recommendation which is considered in the issuance of import control licenses, that procedure was changed through the new form, and getting the recommendation of that institution clearly for the import of related goods is one of the positive works launched in 2023.

Also, efforts have been made to streamline import control by imposing specific conditions in accordance with each item in the issuance of licenses. Accordingly, work was done to standardize the issuance of licenses.

2.5.6. Review and Regularization of Import and Export License Conditions

The department reviewed the conditions to be included in the import and export control license, in which the general conditions for all units, conditions applicable only to each unit and special conditions to be applied to a particular item or in a particular situation are identified under the classifications, and accordingly work is being done to formalize the license conditions applicable to all sectors.

2.5.7 Preparation of a Policy Framework for Issuance of Import and Export Licenses

This department has taken initial steps to review the current license issuing procedure within the department in order to further focus directly on the targeted objectives of the department and to allow the clients to get their services transparently. Also, all the items subject to control are classified under Banned, temporary suspended, temporary suspensions of issuance of licenses, issuance of licenses in general and it is planned to publish them through gazettes after further determining the institutions that will make relevant recommendations.

2.5.8 Organization of Internal Training Sessions to Maintain Uniformity among Units

In this department, import and export licenses are issued under 5 units, and there, the situations unique to each unit as well as the submission of applications common to all units, acceptance of applications, examination of applications, approval of applications, payment and issuance of licenses as well as license debits and the calculation of fees and additional fees can also be identified. Amongst these common units, internal knowledge sharing and knowledge imparting workshops were conducted for further awareness of unique areas to maintain uniformity.

2.5.9 Strengthening of IT Division

Aiming to make the STRATLINK system, which is expected to be established and completed in order to provide services to clients through the online system, create a position of IT controller and recruit enough qualified officers for the IT division and provide special training on IT to the selected officers.

2.5.10. Evaluation of the performance of each unit numerically according to a formal schedule through the introduced performance indicators and introducing methods to correct the deficiencies by identifying them, in order to increase the performance of the department

2.6 New Improvements

2.6.1 Service Counter and Office Facilities

A large number of clients consisting of wharf clerks and various other parties visit this Department on a daily basis to applying for licenses for items subject to import control in terms of the regulations published by the Department of Import and Export Control, as well as to debiting goods imported into Sri Lanka in relation to the licenses issued in order to release them from customs.

In the year 2023, our department has paid more attention to providing quality service to the clients who come in this way. As a result, the ground floor of the Hemas building, which the department had purchased on rental basis, was allotted for the needs of the clients. There, 05 service counters were installed under separately identified subjects so that any external party can come and perform the tasks related to them. Through this, we were able to provide our service with a higher quality and to reduce the time that the client has to wait for the service received from the department.

Further, prompt response to customer issues was handled through the officers appointed at the service Counters. It is a pleasure to be able to provide a friendly and efficient service to the public. Accordingly, the service Counter system was established only for the convenience of the service providers, and it was a great help to the units and divisions of the departments to perform their duties easily. Service Counters are still actively maintained. Further, in order to facilitate the submission of applications, sample applications prepared in tri-languages and related instruction sheets were displayed. Also, preliminary steps have been taken to prepare and display the general procedures that should be followed in relation to import when a person brings a product from a foreign country to Sri Lanka.

2.6.2 Archives

Due to the limited space in the premises of the Import and Export Control Department, the need for a formal archive for the Department had been strongly highlighted in the lack of facilities to formally store the completed files.

A large number of files related to the issuance of import or export control licenses are cumulated annually. As those files have to be kept safe as per the regulations of the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, a large archive space is required.

Therefore, after purchasing the ground floor of the Hemas building for the Department on rental basis, the facilities for the new archives were prepared. For that, an officer with extensive experience in archival affairs was also appointed, and a committee including staff officers was appointed to look into all the documents to be protected and supervise the archival activities.

Accordingly, an orderly, standardized and indexed formal archive was established in the Department at the end of the year 2023.

2.7. STRATLINK computer software system to be installed in the Department of Imports and Exports Control

The STRATLINK computer software system which is to be installed in order to provide more efficient and effective services of the Import and Export Control Department to the clients has been started in the year 2023. The Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS Program) operating under the United States Embassy has agreed to donate a software including necessary hardware, aimed at providing assistance to meet the requirement of United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1540, to facilitate the implementation of the electronic license issuance system at the request made by the Department. For that, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has granted by the letter No. AMA/23/0077/604/004 and dated 31.01.2023, of the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers, to the Cabinet Memorandum containing the proposals submitted for the implementation of this computer system, by the Minister of Finance.

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the following proposals set out in the Cabinet Memorandum No. MF/IED/17/CM/2022/233 December 31, 2022, regarding the said system.

1. Acceptance of the proposed licensing software system and hardware provided as a grant by the USA EXBS program.
2. To implement the customized STRATLINK e-licensing system proposed, in the Import and Export Control Department.
3. Budget allocation of 110 million in the year 2023 or 2024 under financial code 13 for asset accounting and inventorying.
4. To connect the recommendation authorities and stakeholders in the system through the Internet for the exchange of information and data through the system, and
5. Creation of post of Controller (ICT) open to any all-island service officer to the sanctioned cadre of the Department to strengthen the Information Technology unit.

The Department has also proposed to implement an electronic import and export control license using this system. Approval of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), the Department of External Resources (ERD) and the National Planning Department have also received for that.

The installation of the STRATLINK system has been started on April 24, 2023, and the development of the system is planned to be implemented in March 2024 by carrying out several steps.

In the process of establishing the STRATLINK system which has been started in the first month of the second quarter of 2023, the resource persons have presented its prototype version to us by

the end of the year 2023. The system designers have already been informed by the committee made up of the controllers and officers of the operational units of the department about the various incomplete parts that need to be inserted. This system needs to be improved to suit our needs and to enable users to fulfill their needs through an easy and smooth process in every way. Therefore, the composition of the staff of the IT unit of the department is also being increased and their constant attention is being directed towards this and the future work plans are being launched.

First of all, registration in this system should be done by an organization as a client of the department. Discussions have already been made by us with those institutions about the possibility of verifying the legality of a company registering in this way through the company registration department's data system, and the legality of a private importer through the personnel registration department's data system. Also, the designers have been informed to include improvements to facilitate the payment of license fees and additional fees through the government payment network (Lanka Pay (Pvt) Ltd) within the new computer system.

Also, the Sri Lanka Customs Department is an institution that have to be worked inseparably with the role of the Import and Export Control Department. The development of application program interfaces (API) is in progress related to exchange of information of STRATLINK data system with the customs department's data system as it is essential to have technical facility as applicable

Accordingly, the IT Unit is being working very efficiently in constant contact with its creators to get the STRATLINK computer software system up and running in the year 2024. The works that were carried out and are to be carried out by this unit are given below.

- ❖ An audit related to data security of the Department has been conducted by KPMG audit firm as requested by Sri Lanka CERT.
- ❖ Making relevant improvements quarterly by paying attention to the matters mentioned in the observation report said audit.
- ❖ The Estonian SPINTEK – AS company is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka in March for installation of STRATLINK system and after installing the relevant system, internal and external users are to be trained on the system operation.
- ❖ Further improvement of the STRATLINK system according to departmental requirements is to be done in association with the relevant software development institute.
- ❖ Necessary activities will be done to maintain software, hardware and networking of the department in an optimal manner.

Accordingly, it is believed that in the year 2024, the entire STRATLINK system will be able to be presented to the department's customers as an IT tool equipped with the latest facilities.

Chapter 3 - Overall Financial Performance of the Year

3.1 Financial Performance Statement for the year ended December 31, 2023

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-	ආදායම් බදු	-	-
-	දේශීය භාණ්ඩ හා සේවා මත බදු	-	-
2,900,000,000	ජාත්‍යන්තර වෙළඳාම මත බදු	3,304,992,140	3,086,778,408
-	බදු නොවන ආදායම් හා වෙනත්	-	-
2,900,000,000	මුළු ආදායම් ලැබීම් (අ)	3,304,992,140	3,086,778,408
-	ආදායම් නොවන ලැබීම්	-	-
-	භාණ්ඩාගාර අග්‍රිම	100,498,000	-
-	තැන්පතු	6,700,573	667,098
2,800,000	අත්තිකාරම් ගිණුම්	7,890,405	5,432,858
-	වෙනත් ප්‍රධාන ලෙජර් ගිණුම් ලැබීම්	-	3,020,191
2,800,000	මුළු ආදායම් නොවන ලැබීම් (ආ)	115,088,978	9,120,147
-	මුළු ආදායම් ලැබීම් සහ ආදායම්	3,420,081,118	3,095,898,555
-	නොවන ලැබීම් ඇ = (අ)+(ආ)	3,276,491,226	2,969,634,125
-	භාණ්ඩාගාරයට ප්‍රේෂණ (ඇ)	-	-
-	ශුද්ධ ආදායම් ලැබීම් සහ ආදායම්	143,589,892	126,264,430
-	නොවන ලැබීම් ඉ = (ඇ)-(ඇ)	-	-
-	අඩු කළා : වියදම්	-	-
-	පුනරාවර්තන වියදම්	-	-
73,400,000	වැටුප්, වෙනත් සහ අනෙකුත් සේවක ප්‍රතිලාභ	65,801,629	62,904,496
58,140,000	අනෙකුත් භාණ්ඩ හා සේවා	52,716,131	42,719,921
900,000	සහනාධාර, ප්‍රදාන සහ මාරුකිරීම්	860,264	926,294
-	පොළී ගෙවීම්	-	-
-	වෙනත් පුනරාවර්තන වියදම්	-	-
132,440,000	මුළු පුනරාවර්තන වියදම් (ඊ)	119,378,024	106,550,711
-	මූලධන වියදම්	-	-
10,350,000	මූලධන වත්කම් පුනරුත්ථාපනය හා	-	-
10,050,000	වැඩිදියුණු කිරීම්	7,253,342	9,388,366
-	මූලධන වත්කම් අත්පත් කර ගැනීම්	6,144,224	540,610
-	ප්‍රාග්ධන මාරුකිරීම්	-	-
-	මූල්‍ය වත්කම් අත්පත් කර ගැනීම්	-	-
4,500,000	හැකියා වර්ධනය	1,661,943	554,208
-	වෙනත් මූලධන වියදම්	-	-
24,900,000	මුළු මූලධන වියදම් (උ)	15,059,509	10,483,184
-	තැන්පතු ගෙවීම්	8,447,791	612,808
4,000,000	අත්තිකාරම් ගෙවීම්	7,340,006	6,094,286
-	වෙනත් ප්‍රධාන ලෙජර් ගිණුම් ගෙවීම්	162,328	2,857,862
-	ප්‍රධාන ලෙජර් වියදම් (ඌ)	15,950,125	9,564,956
-	මුළු වියදම් එ = (ඊ)+(ඌ)+(උ)	150,387,658	126,598,851
-	දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ශේෂය ඒ = (ඉ)-එ	(6,797,766)	(334,421)
-	අග්‍රිම ගැලපුම් ප්‍රකාශනය අනුව ශේෂය	(6,797,766)	(334,421)
-	දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට අග්‍රිම ශේෂය	-	-

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3.2 Statement of Financial Status as at December 31, 2023

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2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට
මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රකාශනය

සටහන		තත්ත්වය	
		2023	2022
		රු.	රු.
මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම්			
දේපළ, පිරිසත හා උපකරණ	ඒපීඑ-6	56,456,442	50,312,218
මූල්‍ය වත්කම්			
අත්තිකාරම් ගිණුම්	ඒපීඑ-5/5(ඒ)	15,305,019	15,855,418
මුදල් හා මුදල් සමාන දෑ	ඒපීඑ-3	-	-
මුළු වත්කම්		71,761,461	66,167,636
ශුද්ධ වත්කම් / ස්කන්ධය			
භාණ්ඩාගාරය වෙත ශුද්ධ වත්කම්		13,997,946	12,638,799
දේපළ පිරිසත හා උපකරණ සංචිතය		56,456,442	50,312,218
කුලී හා වැඩ අත්තිකාරම් සංචිතය	ඒපීඑ-5(බී)	-	-
ජංගම වගකීම්			
තැන්පතු ගිණුම්	ඒපීඑ-4	1,307,073	3,054,291
වැටි පාලන ගිණුම්		-	162,328
අග්‍රිම ශේෂය	ඒපීඑ-3	-	-
මුළු වගකීම්		71,761,461	66,167,636

පිටු අංක 07 සිට 46 දක්වා ඒපීඑ 1 සිට ඒපීඑ 7 දක්වා වූ ආකෘති පත්‍රවලින් ඉදිරිපත් කෙරෙන ගිණුම් තොරතුරු සහ ඇමුණුම් පිටු අංක 47 සිට 54 දක්වා ඇතුළත් ගිණුම් සටහන් විස්තර ද මෙම අවසන් ගිණුමෙහිම අන්තර්ගත කොටස් වේ. මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීම පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම් මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව සිදුකර ඇති අතර මෙහිදී මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්හි සටහන් මගින් හෙළදිරව කර ඇති පරිදි වඩාත් සුදුසු ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්ති භාවිත කර ඇත. ඉහත අවසන් ගිණුමෙහි සඳහන් සංඛ්‍යා, ඊට අදාළ ගිණුම් සටහන් හා අනෙකුත් ගිණුම් තොරතුරු භාණ්ඩාගාර ගිණුම් පොත් සමඟ සැසඳීම කර ඇති බවටත් ඒවා එම සංඛ්‍යා සමඟ එකඟ වන බවටත් මෙයින් සහතික කරමි.

මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා ඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් වාතර්ශකරණ ආයතනය තුළ පවතින බවත් මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියේ සඵලතාවය අධීක්ෂණය කිරීමටත් ඒ අනුව එම පද්ධති ඵලදායී ලෙස ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය පරිදි වෙනස් කිරීම් සිදුකිරීමට වරින් වර සමාලෝචන සිදුකරන බවත් මෙයින් සහතික කරමි.



ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී

නම :

තනතුර :

දිනය : 2024.02.27

සහ.ව.ව.ව. සිරිවර්ධන
හා භාණ්ඩාගාරයේ සහ මුදල් ආර්ථික ස්ථානීකරණ සහ
ජාතික ප්‍රතිපත්ති අමාත්‍යාංශයේ ලේකම්
මුදල් අමාත්‍යාංශය
කොළඹ 01.

ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී

නම :

තනතුර :

දිනය : 2024.02.27



ප්‍රධාන මූල්‍ය නිලධාරී/ප්‍රධාන ගණකාධිකාරී/

අධ්‍යක්ෂ (මුදල්)/ කොමසාරිස් (මුදල්)

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දිනය : 2024.02.27

වි.ව. උසස්මුද්‍රි ප්‍රේමසිරි
සාමාන්‍ය හා අපනයන සෘජු සේවා
අංශය හා අපනයන රාශන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව
කොළඹ 01



3.3 Cash Flow Statement for the year ended December 31, 2023

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2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වසරේ සඳහා

මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය

	කොටස	
	2023 රු.	2022 රු.
මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහයන්		
මුළු බදු ලැබීම්	3,304,992,140	3,086,778,408
ගාස්තු, අධිකාර, දඩමුදල් සහ බලපත්‍ර	-	-
ලාභ	-	-
ආදායම් නොවන ලැබීම්	-	-
වෙනත් ආදායම් ශීර්ෂ වෙනුවෙන් එකතු කරන ලද ආදායම්	3,604,925	3,899,360
අග්‍රිම ලැබීම්	100,498,000	-
අත්තිකාරම් අයකර ගැනීම්	8,443,510	6,428,435
තැන්පතු ලැබීම්	6,700,573	667,098
වැට් පාලන ගිණුමට ලැබීම්	-	3,020,191
මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (අ)	3,424,239,148	3,100,793,492
අඩුකළා : මුදල් වැය කිරීම්		
පුද්ගල පඩිනඩි හා මෙහෙයුම් වියදම්	115,363,541	104,670,459
සහනාධාර සහ මාරුකිරීම්	860,264	926,294
වෙනත් වැය ශීර්ෂ වෙනුවෙන් දරන ලද වියදම්	330,700	5,514,444
භාණ්ඩාගාරයට පියවන ලද අග්‍රිම	3,276,491,226	2,969,634,125
අත්තිකාරම් ගෙවීම්	7,523,789	6,094,316
වැට් පාලන ගිණුමෙන් ගෙවීම්	162,328	2,857,862
තැන්පතු ගෙවීම්	8,447,791	612,808
මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම් සඳහා වැය කරන ලද මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ආ)	3,409,179,639	3,090,310,308
මෙහෙයුම් ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ ශුද්ධ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඇ) = (අ) - (ආ)	15,059,509	10,483,184
ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහයන්		
පොළී	-	-
ලාභාංශ	-	-
හිමිකම් ඉවත්වීමේ ප්‍රතිපාදන හා භෞතික වත්කම් විකිණීම	-	-
උපණය අයකර ගැනීම්	-	-
ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඈ)	-	-
අඩුකළා : මුදල් වැය කිරීම්		
මුලධන වියදම්	15,059,509	10,483,184
ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම් සඳහා වැය කරන ලද මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඉ)	15,059,509	10,483,184
ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ ශුද්ධ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඊ) = (ඈ) - (ඉ)	(15,059,509)	(10,483,184)
මෙහෙයුම් හා ආයෝජන ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ ශුද්ධ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (උ) = (ඇ) + (ඊ)	-	-
මූල්‍ය ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහයන්		
දේශීය ණය ගැනීම්	-	-
විදේශීය ණය ගැනීම්	-	-
ප්‍රදානයන් ලැබීම්	-	-
මූල්‍ය ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුළු මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඌ)	-	-
අඩුකළා : මුදල් වැය කිරීම්		
දේශීය ණය ආපසු ගෙවීම්	-	-
විදේශීය ණය ආපසු ගෙවීම්	-	-
මූල්‍ය ක්‍රියාකාරකම් සඳහා වැය කරන ලද මුළු මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (එ)	-	-
මූල්‍ය ක්‍රියාකාරකම්වලින් ජනිත වූ මුදල් ප්‍රවාහය (ඵ) = (ඌ) - (එ)	-	-
මුදල්වල ශුද්ධ වෙනස්වීම් (ඔ) = (උ) + (ඵ)	-	-
ජනවාරි 01 දිනට ආරම්භක මුදල් ශේෂය	-	-
දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට අවසාන මුදල් ශේෂය	-	-



3.4 Performance of Revenue Collection

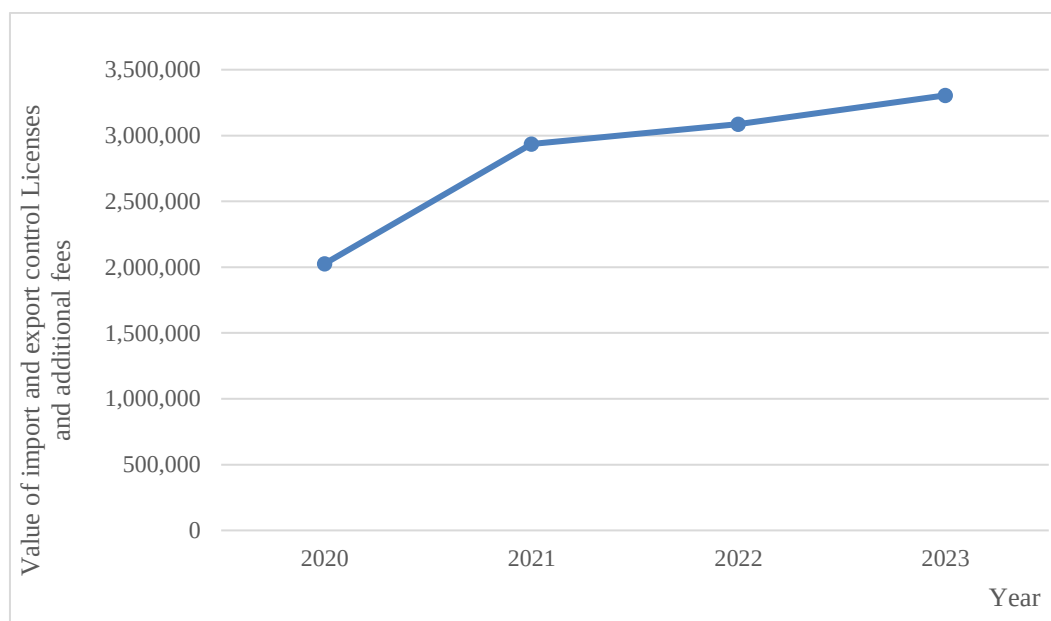
Rs.

Income Code	Description of the Income code	Income Estimation		Collected Income	
		First Estimation	Final Estimation	Amount (Rs.)	As % of the Final Estimation
10.01.03.00	Import and Export Licenses and Additional Fees	2,600,000,000/-	2,900,000,000/-	3,304,992,140/-	113.9

3.4.1 Value of Import and Export Control Licenses and Additional Fees for the Last 4 Years

Rs. '000

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net. Income	2,025,978	2,934,679	3,086,778	3,304,992



Considering the last 3 years license income of the department, there is a gradual increase in the income. By issuing licenses in 2023, it has managed to earn a high income of 3.3 billion rupees, which is an increase of about 7% compared to the year 2022. Additional charges were also levied in cases of violation of import control regulations.

3.5 Performance of utilization of allocations for the year 2023

Rs.

Type of Provision	Allocated Provision		Actual Expenditure	As % of the Utilized Final Provision
	First Provision	Final Provision		
Recurrent	132,440,000/-	133,490,000/-	119,378,024.14	89.4
Capital	24,900,000/-	24,900,000/-	15,059,508.68	60.4

3.6 As per F.R.208, there are no allocations granted to this Department as a representative of other Ministries/Departments.

3.7 Performance of Reporting of Non-financial Asset

Rs.

Asset code	Code Description	Balance as per Goods Survey Report as at 31.12.2023	Balance as per Financial Status Report as at 31.12.2023	To be accounted for in the future	Reporting progress as%
9151	Buildings and structures	-	-		
9152	Machinery	-	53,987,641.63		
9153	Lands	-	-		
9154	Intangible assets	-	1,528,000.00		
9155	Biological assets	-	-		
9160	Work in progress	-	-		
9180	Leased assets	-	-		

3.8 Auditor General's Report



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ශීර්ෂය 296 - ආනයන හා අපනයන පාලන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව විගණකාධිපති සම්පිණ්ඩන වාර්තාව

1. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන

1.1 තත්ත්ව විගණනය කළ මතය

ශීර්ෂය 296 - ආනයන හා අපනයන පාලන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රකාශනය, එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධන ප්‍රකාශනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය සහ ප්‍රමාණාත්මක ගිණුම්කරණ ප්‍රතිපත්තිවලට අදාළ තොරතුරු ද ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලට අදාළ සටහන් වලින් සමන්විත 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ විධිවිධාන සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(1) ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ ඇතුළත් විධිවිධාන ප්‍රකාර මාගේ විධානය යටතේ විගණනය කරන ලදී. 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 11(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ආනයන හා අපනයන පාලන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලබන මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මාගේ අදහස් දැක්වීම් හා නිරීක්ෂණයන් මෙම වාර්තාවේ සඳහන් වේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ ආණ්ඩුක්‍රම ව්‍යවස්ථාවේ 154(6) ව්‍යවස්ථාව සමඟ සංයෝජිතව කියවිය යුතු 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 10 වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව ඉදිරිපත් කළ යුතු විගණකාධිපති වාර්තාව යථා කාලයේදී පාර්ලිමේන්තුව වෙත ඉදිරිපත් කරනු ලැබේ.

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණුවලින් වන බලපෑම හැර, මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවලින් 2023 දෙසැම්බර් 31 දිනට ආනයන හා අපනයන පාලන දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ මූල්‍ය තත්ත්වය සහ එදිනෙන් අවසන් වර්ෂය සඳහා එහි මූල්‍ය කාර්යසාධනය හා මුදල් ප්‍රවාහ ප්‍රකාශනය පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කරන බව මා දරන්නා වූ මතය වේ.





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1.2 තත්ත්වගණනය කළ මතය සඳහා පදනම

මෙම වාර්තාවේ 1.6 ඡේදයේ දක්වා ඇති කරුණු මත පදනම්ව මාගේ මතය තත්ත්වගණනය කරනු ලැබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිතීන්ට (ශ්‍රී.ලං.වි.ප්‍ර) අනුකූලව මා විගණනය සිදු කරන ලදී. මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් මාගේ වගකීම, විගණකගේ වගකීම යන වගන්තියේ තවදුරටත් විස්තර කර ඇත. මාගේ මතය සඳහා පදනමක් සැපයීම උදෙසා මා විසින් ලබා ගෙන ඇති විගණන සාක්ෂි ප්‍රමාණවත් සහ උචිත බව මාගේ විශ්වාසයයි.

1.3 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන සම්බන්ධයෙන් ප්‍රධාන ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ හා ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම

පොදුවේ පිළිගත් ගිණුම්කරණ මූලධර්මවලට අනුකූලව හා 2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38 වගන්තියේ සඳහන් විධිවිධානවලට අනුකූලව සත්‍ය හා සාධාරණ තත්ත්වයක් පිළිබිඹු කෙරෙන පරිදි මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීම හා වංචා සහ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොරව මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකි වනු පිණිස අවශ්‍යවන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය තීරණය කිරීම ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීගේ වගකීම වේ.

2018 අංක 19 දරන ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 16(1) වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව විසින් වාර්ෂික හා කාලීන මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළියෙල කිරීමට හැකිවන පරිදි ස්වකීය ආදායම්, වියදම්, වත්කම් හා බැරකම් පිළිබඳ නිසි පරිදි පොත්පත් හා වාර්තා පවත්වා ගෙන යා යුතුය.

ජාතික විගණන පනතේ 38(1)(ඇ) උප වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ මූල්‍ය පාලනය සඳහා සඵලදායී අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන පද්ධතියක් සකස් කර පවත්වා ගෙන යනු ලබන බවට ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී සහතික විය යුතු අතර එම පද්ධතියේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව කලින් කල සමාලෝචනයක් සිදු කර ඒ අනුව පද්ධතිය ඵලදායී ලෙස කරගෙන යාමට අවශ්‍ය වෙනස්කම් සිදු කරනු ලැබිය යුතුය.

1.4 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන විගණනය පිළිබඳ විගණකගේ වගකීම

සමස්ථයක් ලෙස මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන, වංචා හා වැරදි හේතුවෙන් ඇතිවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන්ගෙන් තොර බවට සාධාරණ තහවුරුවක් ලබාදීම සහ මාගේ මතය ඇතුළත් විගණන වාර්තාව නිකුත් කිරීම මාගේ අරමුණ වේ. සාධාරණ සහතිකවීම උසස් මට්ටමේ සහතිකවීමක් වන නමුත්, ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනය සිදු කිරීමේදී එය සැම විටම ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් අනාවරණය කර ගන්නා බවට වන තහවුරු කිරීමක් නොවනු ඇත. වංචා සහ වැරදි තනි හෝ සාමූහික ලෙස බලපෑම නිසා ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනයන් ඇති විය හැකි අතර, එහි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක භාවය මෙම මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පදනම් කර ගනිමින් පරිශීලකයන් විසින් ගනු ලබන ආර්ථික තීරණ කෙරෙහි වන බලපෑම මත රඳා පවතී.





ශ්‍රී ලංකා විගණන ප්‍රමිති ප්‍රකාරව විගණනයේ කොටසක් ලෙස මා විසින් විගණනයේදී වෘත්තීය විනිශ්චය සහ වෘත්තීය සැකමුසුබවින් යුතුව ක්‍රියා කරන ලදී. මා විසින් තවදුරටත්,

- ප්‍රකාශ කරන ලද විගණන මතයට පදනමක් සපයා ගැනීමේදී වංචා හෝ වැරදි හේතුවෙන් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇති විය හැකි ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන් ඇතිවීමේ අවදානම් හඳුනාගැනීම හා තක්සේරු කිරීම සඳහා අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කර ක්‍රියාත්මක කරන ලදී. වරදවා දැක්වීම් හේතුවෙන් සිදුවන ප්‍රමාණාත්මක සාවද්‍ය ප්‍රකාශයන්ගෙන් සිදුවන බලපෑමට වඩා වංචාවකින් සිදුවන්නා වූ බලපෑම ප්‍රබල වන්නේ ඒවා දුස්සන්ධානයෙන්, ව්‍යාජ ලේඛන සැකසීමෙන්, වෙනත්තාත්වික මඟහැරීමෙන්, වරදවා දැක්වීමෙන් හෝ අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයන් මඟ හැරීමෙන් වැනි හේතු නිසා වන බැවිනි.
- අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනයේ සඵලදායීත්වය පිළිබඳව මතයක් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අදහසින් නොවුවද, අවස්ථාවෝචිතව උචිත විගණන පරිපාටි සැලසුම් කිරීම පිණිස අභ්‍යන්තර පාලනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබා ගන්නා ලදී.
- හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය සහ අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණ අයුරින් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ඇතුළත් බව ඇගයීම.
- මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල ව්‍යුහය හා අන්තර්ගතය සඳහා පාදක වූ ගනුදෙනු හා සිද්ධීන් උචිත හා සාධාරණව ඇතුළත් වී ඇති බව සහ හෙළිදරව් කිරීම් ඇතුළත් මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශනවල සමස්ථ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීම අගයන ලදී.

මාගේ විගණනය තුළදී හඳුනාගත් වැදගත් විගණන සොයාගැනීම්, ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර පාලන දුර්වලතා හා අනෙකුත් කරුණු පිළිබඳව ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරී දැනුවත් කරමි.

1.5 වෙනත් නෛතික අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ වාර්තාව

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- (අ) මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන ඉකුත් වර්ෂය සමඟ අනුරූප වන බවට,
- (ආ) ඉකුත් වර්ෂයට අදාළ මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳව මා විසින් කර තිබුණු නිර්දේශ ක්‍රියාත්මක කර තිබුණි.





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1.6 මූල්‍ය ප්‍රකාශන පිළිබඳ අදහස් දැක්වීම

1.6.1 මූලධන වියදම්

කිසියම් නිශ්චිත ව්‍යාපෘතියක සෘජුවම ප්‍රයෝජනයට ගැනීම සඳහා ද්‍රව්‍ය හා උපකරණ වශයෙන් විදේශ ප්‍රාග්ධන ආධාර ලැබූ කල්හී එම අයිතමයන්ට අදාළ ලිපි ලේඛනවල තොරතුරු පදනම් කරගෙන එකී ප්‍රදානයේ රුපියල් වටිනාකම දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව විසින් නිශ්චිත කළ යුතු අතර එකී අගය යථාර්ථවාදී නොවන අවස්ථාවල දී එය විදේශ සම්පත් අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල්ගේ උපදෙස් ලබාගෙන ඇස්තමේන්තු ගත අගයක් ගණනය කර ගිණුම් ගත කළ යුතු වුවද, සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය තුළදී ඇමරිකා එක්සත් ජනපද තානාපති කාර්යාලය යටතේ ප්‍රදානයක් වශයෙන් ලැබී තිබුණු ඇ.එ.ජ.ඩොලර් 280,000 ක් පමණ වටිනා බලපත්‍ර නිකුත් කිරීමේ පරිගණක දත්ත පද්ධතිය සහ ඊට අදාළ ඇ.එ.ජ. ඩොලර් 19,100 ක් වටිනා පරිගණක ගිණුම්ගත කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

1.6.2 මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම්

2022 වර්ෂයේදී වෙන්දේසි කරන ලද පිරිවැය රු.40,000 ක් වූ මෝටර් සයිකලය පොත්වලින් ඉවත් නොකර සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය අවසාන දිනට වූ මූල්‍ය නොවන වත්කම්වල ඇතුළත් කර තිබුණි.

2 මූල්‍ය සමාලෝචනය

2.1 ආදායම් කළමනාකරණය

සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී ආදායම් සංකේත අංක 1001-03-00 බලපත්‍ර ආදායම් සඳහා මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තුව රු.2,600,000,000 ක් වූ අතර සංශෝධිත ඇස්තමේන්තුව රු.2,900,000,000 ක් වීමෙන් රු.300,000,000 ක විචලතාවයක් නිරීක්ෂණය වූ අතර එය මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තුවෙන් සියයට 12 ක විචලතාවයකි. එබැවින් මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තු සකස් කිරීමේදී හැකි තාක් නිවැරදිව ඇස්තමේන්තු පුරෝකථනය කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාව විගණනයේදී නිරීක්ෂණය කෙරේ.

2.2 වියදම් කළමනාකරණය

2.2.1 පුනරාවර්තන වියදම්

පහත සඳහන් නිරීක්ෂණයන් සිදුකරනු ලැබේ.

- (අ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී පුනරාවර්තන වියදම්හි වැය විෂයයන් 10 ක ශුද්ධ ප්‍රතිපාදනයෙන් සියයට 8 සිට සියයට 81 ක් දක්වා වූ පරාසයක ප්‍රතිපාදන ඉතිරිවීමක් විය.
- (ආ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂයේදී පුනරාවර්තන වැය විෂයයන් 07 ක මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තු හා සංශෝධිත වියදම් ඇස්තමේන්තු අතර සියයට 22 සිට සියයට 37 ක් දක්වා වූ පරාසයක විචලතාවයක් විය.





ඒ අනුව මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තු සකස් කිරීමේදී පසුගිය වර්ෂයන්හි වියදම් පිළිබඳ සමාලෝචනයක් සිදු කර හැකිතාක් නිවැරදිව වියදම් ඇස්තමේන්තු පුරෝකථනය කිරීමේ අවශ්‍යතාවය විගණනයේදී අවධාරණය කෙරේ.

(ඇ) ඉතිරිවීම් සඳහා ඉදිරිපත් කළ හේතු ප්‍රමාණවත් නොවීම

වෙන්කරන ලද අධි ප්‍රතිපාදන සහිත වැය විෂයයන් 05 න් මු.රෙ 66/69 අනුව මාරුකිරීම් සිදු කළ පසුව ද, සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය අවසාන දිනට තවදුරටත් වූ ඉතිරිවීම් සඳහා හේතු වශයෙන් “වියදම් සීමා කිරීමට කටයුතු කළ බව” සඳහන් කර තිබුණි.

2.2.2 මූලධන වියදම්

(අ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූලධන වැය විෂයයන් දෙකක මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තු හා සංශෝධිත ඇස්තමේන්තු අතර විචලතාවය සියයට 86 ක් සහ සියයට 363 ක් බැගින් විය. ඒ අනුව මූලික ඇස්තමේන්තු සකස් කිරීමේදී හැකිතාක් නිවැරදිව වියදම් පුරෝකථනය කිරීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) සමාලෝචිත වර්ෂය සඳහා වූ මූලධන වැය විෂයයන් 05 ක ශුද්ධ ප්‍රතිපාදනයෙන් සියයට 14 සිට සියයට 63 ක් දක්වා වූ පරාසයක ප්‍රතිපාදන ඉතිරිවීමක් විය.

2.2.3 අත්තිකාරම් ගිණුම්

සේවය හැර ගිය නිලධාරීන්ගෙන් අයවිය යුතු වර්ෂ 01 සිට 03 දක්වා පැරණි ණය ශේෂය රු.223,269 ක් ද, අවුරුදු 1ට අඩු රු.470,177 ක ණය ශේෂයක් ද විය. තවද, වැඩ තහනම් කළ නිලධාරීන්ගේ ණය ශේෂ ලෙස වර්ෂ 05 ට වඩා පැරණි රු.335,753 ක ශේෂයක් ද, වර්ෂ 01 සිට 03 දක්වා පැරණි රු. 238,000 ක ණය ශේෂයක් ද විය. ඒ අනුව ආයතන සංග්‍රහයේ XXIV 4:5 උප වගන්තිය අනුව එම ණය අයකර ගැනීමට කටයුතු කර නොතිබුණි. වැඩ තහනම් කළ වසර 05 ට වඩා පැරණි අයවිය යුතු රු. 335,753 ක ශේෂය ගිණුමේ “වෙනත් ණය ශේෂයක්” ලෙස සඳහන් කර තිබුණි.

2.3 නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසිවලට අනුකූල නොවීම

නීති, රීති හා රෙගුලාසි වලට යොමුව

අනුකූල නොවීම

(අ) ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ

මුදල් රෙගුලාසි සංග්‍රහය

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යොමුගත වගන්තිය ප්‍රකාරව විගණන විමසුම්

සඳහා අප්‍රමාදව ක්‍රියාකොට ඒවාට සම්පූර්ණ





පිළිතුරු සැපයීම ගණන්දීමේ නිලධාරීන්ගේ වගකීම වුවද විමසුම් සඳහා පිළිතුරු සැපයීම මාස 3 කට වඩා ප්‍රමාද වූ අවස්ථා විය.

(ආ) 2022 අප්‍රේල් 04 දිනැති අංක 5/2022 දරන රජයේ දේපල අස්ථානගතවීම සහ අවහානිතය වැළැක්වීම මෙන්ම ඒවා උපරිම ඵලදායිභාවයෙන් ප්‍රයෝජනයට ගැනීම තහවුරු කිරීමට ආයතන ප්‍රධානීන්ට නියම කර තිබියදී, එයට පටහැනිව රු.3,038,690 ක පිරිවැයක් සහිත NISSAN SYLPHY වර්ගයේ මෝටර් රථය ආයතන අතර විධිමත් වත්කම් හුවමාරුවක් සිදු නොකර 2022 දෙසැම්බර් 05 දින ජනාධිපති ලේකම් කාර්යාලය වෙත භාර දී තිබුණි.

3 මෙහෙයුම් සමාලෝචනය

3.1 කාර්යසාධනය

3.1.1 දැක්ම හා මෙහෙවර

1969 ජනවාරි 16 දිනැති අංක 01 දරන ආනයන හා අපනයන (පාලන) පනතින් පිහිටුවන ලද දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ අරමුණ, දැක්ම හා මෙහෙවර අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ආර්ථිකයට අහිතකර ලෙස බලපාන ආනයනයන් හා අපනයනයන් පාලනය කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු සිදු කළ යුතු වුවත් එක් එක් විෂයයන්ට අදාළව රජයේ ආයතන විසින් නිකුත් කරනු ලබන නිර්දේශ මත පදනම්ව පමණක් ආනයන බලපත්‍ර නිකුත් කිරීමට කටයුතු කර තිබුණි. තවද, දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව පිහිටුවීමේ මූලික අරමුණු ඉටුවන ආකාරයට කටයුතු කිරීම සඳහා පිළිගත් විද්‍යාත්මක ක්‍රමවේදයක් හෝ ක්‍රියාපටිපාටියක් සකස් කර නොතිබුණු අතර බලපත්‍ර ගාස්තු අයකිරීම ප්‍රධාන කාර්යය ලෙස සලකා කටයුතු කරමින් රටෙහි සමස්ත පාරිභෝජනයෙහි පුරෝකථනයන් සිදු කර ප්‍රමාණ පාලනය (Quantity Control) නොකරන බව නිරීක්ෂණය විය.

3.1.2 දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ වගකීම් හා කාර්ය භාරය

අපනයන පාලනයට අදාළ රෙගුලාසි ඇතුළත් ගැසට් නිවේදන ප්‍රකාශයට පත් කිරීම සහ එකී රෙගුලාසි වලට යටත්ව මෙරට ආර්ථිකයේ යහපත උදෙසා බලපත්‍ර නිකුත් කිරීම ද දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ වගකීම් සහ කාර්ය භාරයන් වශයෙන් දැක්වුවද, දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ආනයන





පාලනයට අදාළ කාර්යයන්හි පමණක් නිරතවී තිබුණු අතර 2017 වසරෙන් පසුව අපනයනයන්ට අදාළ කිසිදු රෙගුලාසියක් නිකුත් කළ බවට සාක්ෂි විගණනයට නිරීක්ෂණය නොවුණි.

4 යහපාලනය

4.1 රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභා නියෝග ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීම

(අ) එලදායි තොරතුරු තාක්ෂණික පද්ධතීන් උපයෝගී කර ගනිමින් රජයේ ආදායම එකතු කිරීම, වැඩිදියුණු කිරීම සඳහා පාර්ශවකරුවන් විසින් සහ පාර්ශවකරුවන් අතර ගත යුතු පියවර නිර්දේශ කිරීම සඳහා වූ 2016 නොවැම්බර් මස 23 වැනි දින පාර්ලිමේන්තුවට ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාවේ අතුරු වාර්තාවේ නියෝග පරිදි “ආයතන විසි අටක සම්බන්ධීකරණය ඇතිව, බලපත්‍ර නිකුත් කිරීමේදී අදාළ ආයතන වෙතින් අන්තර්ජාලය ඔස්සේ නිර්දේශ ලිපි ලබා ගැනීමට සැලසුම් සකස් කළ යුතු බව” දන්වා තිබුණද එම නිර්දේශය විගණන දිනය වූ 2024 මාර්තු 31 දින වන විටත් ක්‍රියාත්මක වී නොතිබුණි.

(ආ) නිර්දේශිත කාලය ඉක්ම වූ වාහන සහ කොටස්කර ගෙන්වනු ලබන වාහන ආනයනය සඳහා ප්‍රතිපත්තියක් සකස් කරන ලෙස 2024 ජනවාරි 23 දින පැවති රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව විසින් නියෝග කර තිබුණ ද, එවැනි ප්‍රතිපත්තියක් සකස්කර නොතිබුණු අතර ඖෂධ නිෂ්පාදනයට ගෙන්වන ස්ත්‍රි පිළිබඳ පසු විපරම් කරන ලෙස දැනුම් දී තිබුණ ද, එය ද ඉටුකර නොතිබුණි.

(ඇ) සි ෂෙල්ස් සිට තායිලන්තය දක්වා ගමන් කළ මත්ස්‍යයින් ගබඩා කළ බහාළුම් රැගත් නෞකාවක් කොළඹ වරායට ආසන්න මුහුදු ප්‍රදේශයේ දී කාර්මික දෝෂයකට ලක් වී විදුලි සැපයුම නතර වීම හේතුවෙන් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ වරාය අධිකාරිය වෙත ළඟා වී තිබුණු අතර විදේශීය නෞකාවේ දේශීය නියෝජිතයා මගින් සොයාගත් දේශීය පෞද්ගලික ආයතනයකට කාබනික පොහොර නිෂ්පාදනය සඳහා මෙම මාළු බහාළුම් 2022 මාර්තු 09 වන දින විකුණා තිබීම පිළිබඳව 2024 ජනවාරි 23 දින පැවති රජයේ ගිණුම් පිළිබඳ කාරක සභාව විසින් ලබා දී තිබුණු පහත සඳහන් නියෝගයන් 2024 මාර්තු 20 දින වන විටත් දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව විසින් ඉටුකර නොතිබුණි.

ඉවතලන මාළු කොටස් යොදාගෙන පොහොර නිෂ්පාදනය කිරීම සිදුකරනු ලබන අදාළ ආයතනය විසින් මේ වන විට කොපමණ ප්‍රමාණයක පොහොර නිෂ්පාදනය කර තිබේද යන්න පිළිබඳ ක්ෂේත්‍ර පරීක්ෂණයක් සිදුකිරීම.

කාබනික පොහොර නිෂ්පාදනය සඳහා යොදා නොගත් අප-මාළු (Fish-Waste) අඩංගු බහාළුම් 15 පිළිබඳව සොයා බලා අපහරණය සඳහා නිසි ක්‍රියාමාර්ග ගැනීම.



Chapter 4 - Performance Index

4.1 Institutional Performance Index (based on action plan)

Specific Index	Actual output as a percentage of the expected output (%)			
	100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%	49% - 0%
Issuing and debiting Imports and Exports control licenses	√			
Gazette notification	√			
Formulation of guidelines and policies	√			
Implementation of training programs		√		

Chapter 5 - Performance of Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The world leaders have introduced 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets to be achieved globally by 2030, at the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Action Plans for Humanity, Earth and Prosperity, Efforts to Strengthen Universal Peace in Comprehensive Freedom, Eradication of All Forms of Poverty including Extreme Poverty, Achieving Human Rights, Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls and Collaborative Action by All Stakeholders etc. has been included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Officials of this Department were participated in workshops sponsored by the Sustainable Development Council for the need for Sri Lankan government agencies to adapt and implement long-term development strategies as an approach to global sustainable development. Accordingly, a wider recognition of the global Sustainable Development Goals and Targets relevant to the Department has been done based on the vision, mission and role of the Department. Subsequently, the criteria for measuring the Sustainable Development Goals and its progress were established with a long-term vision to achieve the aspirations of the Department. The Department has commenced activities to meet the urgent need for sustainable development of the country through the established objectives. The Sustainable Development Goals based, on the setting of the objectives relate to the Department are as follows.

5.1 Sustainable Development Goals Identified

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. (Sustainable Development Goal 11)

In order to build a conducive environment for living in the country, air quality assurance and municipal and other waste management must be carried out. Due to the rapid increase in traffic usage in urbanized areas, the percentage of emissions from the air in those areas has also increased. It is noteworthy that the toxic fumes emitted from vehicles cause significant air pollution. Therefore, import of vehicles that do not comply with the emission standards has been stopped. For that, regulations have been imposed by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2107/45 dated 25.01.2019.

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. (Sustainable Development Goal 12)

The Department act as a regulatory body to achieve the development goals envisaged by the government by minimizing adverse effects on human health and the environment through environmentally friendly management of chemicals and all wastes. Identification of such items that are affected in this way and controlling and regulating them by subjecting to import and export license, completely prohibiting import and export and prescribing standards related to import and export are properly done in coordination with other government agencies.

According to the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/41 and the Gazette dated 06.04.2023, the import of single-use plastic goods has been banned. Accordingly, in terms of the Approval of Cabinet of Ministers obtained by the Ministry of Environment for the proposals set out in their Note to the Cabinet No. 23/0265/622/003 dated January 31, 2023, titled “Management of Single Use Plastic/Polythene Waste”, importation of single-use plastic drinking straws, stirrers, plates, cups (except yogurt cups), spoons including yogurt spoons, forks, knives, and plastic garlands, plastic string hopper trays has been banned by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2326/41 dated April 06, 2023.

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. (Sustainable Development Goal 16)

The Department aims to establish a decision-making process with the active participation of officers at all levels and to ensure high effectiveness by constantly evaluating those decisions. Through staff meetings and progress review meetings, officials at all levels have been actively involved in the decision-making process, enabling the establishment of an effective, accountable and transparent body.

The Department has provided the necessary facilities to those parties in a manner that fully guarantees the right of the public to access information in accordance with the national legal system and international charters and conventions. The information requested by the Department are handed over to the requesting parties in a very responsible and prompt manner and access to the updated information is also provided through the Departmental website.

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (Sustainable Development Goal No. 17)

The Department is responsible for implementing, facilitating, coordinating and regulating the policies taken to achieve the sustainable development goals expected by the government. Under this, the Department's objectives of ensuring the proper implementation of government policies and regulation, and enforcing and strengthening regulations relating to international trade, are unique. The sustainable development goals of improving global macroeconomic stability through policy coordination and coherence are achieved by implementing the United Nations Security Council Charter 1540 as well as the Trade Facilitation Agreement in Sri Lanka. Resolution 1540 has now been forwarded to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval, and at the same time, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the establishment of the STRATLINK computer system in connection with the US Embassy in order to carry out issuance of Import and Export Control Licenses more effectively through the online system. Accordingly, the representatives of the Estonian government have been conducted basic level training for the officials of the Import and Export Control Department, related to the operation of the STRATLINK computer system.

Target/ Objective	Targets	Achievement Index	Progress on achievements so far		
			0%- 49%	50%- 75%	76%- 100%
11. To make cities and settlements perfect, safe, robust, and sustainable.	11.6 Reduce the per capita adverse environmental impact caused by cities, especially by 2030, including air quality and urban and other waste management.	1. Not allowing clearance of non-compliant vehicles.			✓
12. Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.	12.4 Implement eco-friendly management of chemicals and all contaminants in accordance with the agreed international agenda by 2020 and minimize their release into the air, water and soil to minimize adverse effects on human health and the environment.	2. Completion of the Basel Convention Review.			✓
		3. Number of items controlled on the recommendation of the relevant authority.			✓
		4. Number of consultative meetings held with interested parties.	✓		
		5. Number of consultative meetings held with staff officers.		✓	
		6. Number of activities carried out for awareness.	✓		
	12.5 Prevent waste generation, mitigation, recycling and recycling by 2030.	12.5 Prevent waste generation, mitigation, recycling and recycling by 2030.	✓		

Target/ Objective	Targets	Achievement Index	Progress on achievements so far		
			0%- 49%	50%- 75%	76%- 100%
		12.5 Prevent waste generation, mitigation, recycling and recycling by 2030.			✓
16. Creating peaceful and perfect societies for sustainable development, giving everyone access to justice and building effective, responsible institutions at all levels.	16.7 Ensuring that there is a responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making process at all levels.	9. Number of staff meetings held.		✓	
		10. Number of progress review meetings held.		✓	
	16.10 Ensuring the right of the public to information and protection of fundamental freedoms in accordance with the national legal system and international charters and conventions.	11. Number of replies given within 14 days on requests made under the Right to Information Act.			✓
		12. Number of reports, statistics and publications published from time to time on the Departmental website in accordance with the Right to Information Act.	✓		
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.	17.1. Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection.	Implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 in Sri Lanka		✓	
	17.16. Enhance the global partnership for sustainable	Establish STRATLINK Computer System		✓	

Target/ Objective	Targets	Achievement Index	Progress on achievements so far		
			0%- 49%	50%- 75%	76%- 100%
	development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries				

5.2 Achievements and Challenges in Fulfilling Sustainable Development Goals

With the end of the global epidemic situation of Covid-19, the Sri Lankan economy had to face the foreign reserve crisis, and the government's economic policies had to be very alert in the economic, social, political and environmental patterns. It is an achievement for us to be able to commit to an efficient citizen charter with clients and other facilitating organizations within the directional operational goals for public expenditure management.

Furthermore, in order to reach Sustainable Development Goals, the Department has to coordinate with other government agencies in fulfilling its role. There, certain tasks are assigned to those government agencies, and the progress in performing those tasks will decisively affect the achievement of the Department's goals. The progress shown by those government institutions in carrying out those tasks is beyond the control of our Department, and it is another challenge that we have to face. The Department is working hard to overcome these challenges and move towards sustainable development.

Further, several new Sustainable Development Goals have been introduced into the scope of the Department and indicators related to the completion of those goals are being studied.

Chapter 6 - Human Resource Profile

6.1 Workforce Management

Departmental staff actively contribute to the formulation of policies related to Imports and Exports regulation, licensing/debiting and revenue collection, and work with accountability and commitment to providing a more efficient and effective service to clients. The details of the number of employees as of 31.12.2023, are as follows.

Designation, Service and Rank	Approved Number of Employees	Actual number of employees	Vacancies/ Excess
Senior	14	11	03
Tertiary Grade	04	04	00
Secondary	84	75	09
Primary	20	15	05
Total	122	105	17

6.2 Impact of Shortage or Excess of Human Resources on the Performance of the Department

Requests have been made to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Director General of Integrated Services and Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to take action to fill the existing vacancies in the Department. Further, the following measures were taken to fill the human resource shortage.

- Post of Imports and Exports Controller (ICT) was newly created and recruitment was also done for the same.
- Letters were forwarded to the National Budget Department requesting provision for recruitment for the post of Legal Officer.
- Recruitment was done for the post of Assistant Director (Information and Technology).
- Arrangements were made to fill the vacant post of Administrative Officer.
- Arrangements were made to fill the vacant post of translator.
- A multi-purpose development assistant was recruited for one of the 03 vacant driver posts in the department.
- 03 multi-purpose development assistants were recruited for the 03 posts of office Assistant Service in the department, and temporary appointments were made from 01.01.2024.

the performance of the department was able to reach the expected level in the year 2023, as more percentage of vacancies were filled and due to proper human resource management.

6.3 Human Resource Development

In 2023, officers were directed to the following programs which are directly related to the human resource development of the department.

Program	Number of trained persons	Duration of the Program	Overall Investment		Nature of the Program (Local and Foreign)	Output / Acquired Knowledge
			Local	Foreign		
Awareness about Montreal Convention and Governance Mechanism, and training program to improve attitude and positive thinking	81	2023.04.29 01 Day	-	-	Local	- Knowledge regarding the importance of protecting the Ozone layer - Improved attitude and positive thinking
Role of Port Authority in relation to import and export	30	2023.04.18 2023.04.27 02 Days	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding Role of Port Authority in relation to import and export
Online Process of Issuance of Licenses by Import and Export Control Department	20	From 2023.05.15 to 2023.07.19 04 Days	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding the Online Process of Issuance of Licenses by Import and Export Control Department
Training on the process related to import and export of goods by Sri Lanka Customs	30	2023.16.19 2023.06.26 02 Days	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding the process related to import and export of goods by Sri Lanka Customs
Discussing the provisions of the Gazette Extraordinary on Payment Terms published in 2012. (Phase II)	25	2023.07.25 2023.08.09 02 Days	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding the provisions of the Gazette Extraordinary on Payment Terms published in 2012
Theoretical training program related to the process of publication of extraordinary gazettes issued by the Department of Import and Export Control	23	From 2023.07.24 to 2023.08.03 05 Days	-	-	Local	Theoretical Knowledge regarding the process of publication of extraordinary gazettes issued by the Department of Import and Export Control
Process of Issuance of Import Licenses/Debits of the Import and Export Department -Registration -Issuing licenses -Issuing debits	30	10 Days	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding the Process of Issuance of Import Licenses/Debits of the Import and Export Department -Registration -Issuing licenses -Issuing debits
Fire safety training program	01	01 Day	Rs. 4125.00		Local	How to act in case of fire emergency
Certificate Course in Government Procurement Process	01	From 2023.06.22 10 Days	Rs. 40000.00	-	Local	Knowledge regarding government procurement process
Competency Study Program on Digitization of Public Service	40	2023.07.31 01 Day	-	-	Local	Knowledge regarding Digitization of Public Service

Program	Number of trained persons	Duration of the Program	Overall Investment		Nature of the Program (Local and Foreign)	Output / Acquired Knowledge
			Local	Foreign		
Training on STRATLINK computer software system	47	From 2023.09.18 to 2023.09.20 03 Days	Rs. 155215.00	-	Local	Knowledge regarding STRATLINK computer software system
Second Language Proficiency (150 Hours Tamil Language Course)	16	Commenced from 2023.11.24	-	-	Local	Completing second language proficiency
Training conducted for IT Committee	10	From 2023.11.09 to 2023.12.07 05 Days	Rs. 374287.00	-	Local	Knowledge regarding Information Technology, Software and Hardware
Course for Management Service Officer - Grade I Efficiency Bar Exam	07	From 2023.10.16 to 2023.10.27 10 Days	-	-	Local	Developing knowledge and completion of the requirement to pass the efficiency bar of Management Service Officer - Level I Officers
Training Course on Salary Conversion	02	From 2023.11.30 to 02 Days	Rs. 19000.00	-	Local	Knowledge regarding Salary Conversion
Meeting in Australia for Steering Committees on Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Project	01	From 2023.05.13 to 2023.05.19	-	USD 200 + Rs. 28695.75	Foreign	Knowledge regarding PCB project and its utility
Conference on Digital Economy and Industrial Integration held in China under Global Development Initiative	01	From 2023.06.04 to 2023.06.17	-	USD 375 + Rs. 26673.00	Foreign	Knowledge regarding helping developing countries to train professionals with digital skills, improve their ability to use the digital economy for industrial development, and promote the building of a community with a shared destiny in cyberspace.
Program in India on International Trade in Goods and Services	01	From 2023.07.24 to 2023.07.28	-	USD 175	Foreign	Practical advice on data sourcing techniques for statistics on international trade in goods and services, concepts related to international trade in goods and services and Knowledge of practices for controlling imports and exports
(MySTS) Strategic Trade Conference held in Malaysia	01	From 2023.10.23 to 2023.10.27	-	USD 240	Foreign	Gaining awareness on Trade and Supply Chain Security, Export Controls Intangible Technology Transfer and Technology Control Plans on Cyber Security

Program	Number of trained persons	Duration of the Program	Overall Investment		Nature of the Program (Local and Foreign)	Output / Acquired Knowledge
			Local	Foreign		
Conference on Customs Management in Developing Countries (China)	02	From 2023.10.26 to 2023.11.08	-	USD 750 + Rs. 30000.00	Foreign	Knowledge regarding the Customs management in developing countries
Training held in Singapore on supply chain management	01	From 2023.11.20 to 2023.11.24	-	-	Foreign	Integrating the digital economy and industries, fostering international collaboration and knowledge sharing, Gaining information expertise.

Chapter 7 - Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied / Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
01	The following financial statements/accounts have been submitted on the due date.			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to Public Officers Account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Account (Commercial Advance Account)	Not Relevant		
1.4	Stores Advance Account	Not Relevant		
1.5	Special Advance Account	Not Relevant		
1.6	Other	-		
02	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied / Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls have been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
04	Preparation of annual plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
05	Audit Inquiries			

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied / Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Not complied	Delays in getting replies from various divisions	Officials were informed to reply soon without delay, in future
06	Internal audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2) DMA/1-2019	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports have been replied within one month	Complied		
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
07	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Complied		
08	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Complied		
8.3	The board of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the	Complied		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied / Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
	Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016			
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied		
09	Vehicle management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Complied		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Complied		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Complied		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Complied		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had	Complied		

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	those balances been settled within one month			
11	Utilization of provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to Public Officers Accounts			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Not complied	Prevalence of loan balances of Service Suspended Officers.	Arrangements will be made to settle the loan balance in the future.
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Compliant		
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Compliant		
14	Imprest account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Not complied		Officials have been informed to avoid such situation in the future.
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprests had not been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15	Revenue account			

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15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Complied		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Complied		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right to Information Act and Regulation	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Complied		
17.3	Bi- Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied		
18	Implementation of the Citizens' Charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied		
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter /	Complied		

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	Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular			
19	Preparation of Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Complied		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20	Respond to audit paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		

Conclusion

This department makes a great contribution through the regulation of imports and exports in order to create sustainability in terms of security, economy, public health, environmental conservation, etc. in this country.

The staff has been empowered within the role of the Department, to find solutions to the financial crises in the country with great potential in the face of the negative impact on the country's economy with the global epidemic faced in the past years. Accordingly, imports have been restricted by imposing regulations under the Import and Export Control Act, for the management of the existing economy as appropriate for this occasion. In the year 2023, the department has performed its task without any compromise by constantly paying attention to international payment terms and by implementing control regulations related to payment terms from time to time, and by gradually relaxing the regulations on imported restricted goods.

The staff of the department worked with mutual support to provide optimal service to the public by adhering to a proper mission based on a proper vision and supporting the government mechanism.

Further, various programs were organized in this year with the direct contribution and guidance of the Welfare Association to enable the departmental staff to perform their duties with enthusiasm and to develop their knowledge and skills further.

The new online system of issuing licenses is expected to be fully established and completed by 2024, which will enable the department to perform its role more accurately, efficiently and in a public-friendly manner.