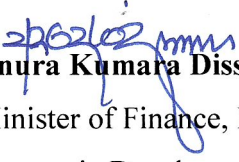


GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969

IN terms of the powers vested in me by Section 20 read together with Sub-Section 4(1) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987, I, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development promulgate following Regulations.


Anura Kumara Dissanayake,
Minister of Finance, Planning and
Economic Development

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,
Colombo 01.
June 18, 2026.

REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 06 of 2026”.
2. The purpose of these regulations is to strengthen the effective monitoring and oversight of outward remittances made from Sri Lanka in respect of import transactions.
3. The Special Import License and Payment Regulations No. 1 of 2011, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012, as amended subsequently is hereby further amended.
4. Regulation No. 4 of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012 is hereby repealed, and the following regulation is substituted therefor;

“4 All banks shall assign a unique number to each transaction and shall forthwith notify the Sri Lanka Customs Department of all information, including –

- a) Valid Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the respective remitter (importer);*
- b) Address of the remitter (importer);*
- c) Address of the beneficiary;*
- d) Account number of the beneficiary;*
- e) Bank code;*
- f) Branch code;*
- g) Type of currency and amount;*
- h) Terms of payment;*
- i) Terms of delivery;*
- j) Date of remittance;*
- k) Proforma invoice number; and*
- l) Description of goods*

regarding each transaction relating to, or made under, the number so assigned.

5. Regulation No. 8(4) is hereby inserted immediately after the Regulation No. 8(3) of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012, and read as follows;

“8(4) Notwithstanding the above (1), (2) and (3), it is mandatory for importer to be registered with Sri Lanka Customs Department as an eligible importer for effecting Advance Payment, prior to effecting such payments.”
6. Commercial banks shall not effect any advance payment for the importation of goods unless the relevant importer has duly registered with Sri Lanka Customs Department as an importer in terms of the Regulation 8(4) as referred to above.
7. To achieve the objectives of these Regulations, the Controller General of Imports and Exports shall issue “Operational Instructions” to the Director General of Customs, Commercial banks or any other relevant authorities.
8. These Regulations shall enter into force with effect from June 19, 2026.