

Gazette Extraordinary
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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 Disanayake, the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development promulgate following Regulations.


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

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,
Colombo 01.
October 15, 2025.

REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 08 of 2025”.
2. The Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended subsequently, is hereby further amended.
3. These Regulations are promulgated as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated October 13, 2025, on the joint Memorandum No. 25/1942/817/013-XV dated October 10, 2025, of the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation, and the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development.

4. Notwithstanding the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended by the Imports and Exports (Control) Regulation No. 04 of 2025, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2434/12 dated April 29, 2025, the requirement of Import Control License (ICL) on importation of **GR 11/Ponni samba rice variety which is an equivalent to Kiri Samba, classified under the HS Code 1006.30.29** shall be exempted for the consignments which shipped-on board between October 15, 2025 and October 28, 2025.
Provided that, an importer shall only be allowed to import maximum quantity of 520 MT of GR 11/Ponni samba rice variety which is an equivalent to Kiri Samba under these regulations with shipped-on board date of Bill of Lading of said rice consignments between October 15, 2025 and October 28, 2025.
5. The rice consignments referred in Regulation No. 4 above shall be released from Sri Lanka Customs on or before November 15, 2025.
6. To achieve the objectives of these Regulations, the Controller General of Imports and Exports shall issue “Operational Instructions” to the Director General of Customs, licensed banks or any other relevant authorities.
7. These Regulations shall enter into force with effect from October 15, 2025.