


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.
April 02, 2026

REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “**Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 03 of 2026**”.
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 March 30, 2026, on the joint Memorandum No. 26/0597/817/017 dated March 26, 2026, 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) shall be exempted for importation of the rice variety known as GR 11 rice including Ponni Samba and Kiri/Paal Ponni rice considered to be substitutes to Samba and Keeri Samba, respectively and classified under Harmonized System (HS) Code of 1006.30.29 where the on-board date of the said rice consignments shall be indicated in the Bill of Lading between April 02, 2026 and April 30, 2026.

Provided that, an importer shall only be allowed to import a maximum quantity of 1,040 MT of GR 11 rice including Ponni Samba and Kiri/Paal Ponni rice considered to be substitutes to Samba and Keeri Samba, respectively with on-board date indicated in the Bill of Lading between April 02, 2026, and April 30, 2026, under these Regulations.

5. The rice consignments referred to in Regulation No. 4 above shall be released from Sri Lanka Customs on or before May 31, 2026.

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 April 02, 2026.