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Operating Instructions 02/2021

Director General
Sri Lanka Customs

CEO of all Commercial Banks

Dear Sir/Madam

General Approval issued concerning Covid 19 pandemic situation of the country

1. You are kindly hereby informed that following instructions are issued to minimize the movement of people considering the prevailing situation in the country due to Covid 19 pandemic in terms of regulation 20 of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012.
2. Commercial Banks shall effect advance payment where the amount of advance payment exceeds the sum of United States Dollars Fifty thousand (US \$ 50000) or its equivalent if it is complied with other regulations and if importer confirmed importation is made within the time period stipulated in regulation 8 (1) and 8 (2) of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012 after taking following details/documents of importer. This shall be considered as general approval issued for importers in terms of regulation 6 (1) (b) (ii) of the same gazette.

a. For Private Companies

I. Business Registration/ Company Registration

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- II. VAT Certificate
- III. TIN Certificate
- IV. Agreement in between exporter and importer
- V. Form 1 and/or Form 20 of Department of Company Registration
- VI. Article of Association
- VII. Confirmation of importer on importation date

b. For Government Agencies

- I. VAT Certificate (If available)
 - II. TIN Certificate (If available)
 - III. Agreement in between exporter and importer
 - IV. Confirmation of importer on importation date
 - V. Recommendation of Secretary to the Line Ministry
3. Commercial Banks shall release the documents for clearance purpose from Sri Lanka Customs where importation is not made within the time period stipulated in the regulation 8 (1), 8 (2) and 8 (3) of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012. This shall be considered as general approval issued for importers in terms of regulation 19 of the same gazette.
4. Commercial Banks shall effect United States Dollars Fifty thousand (US \$ 50000) or its equivalent of maximum amount as the payment of an importer per two week on unpaid import bills relating to the goods imported under Document of Acceptance (D/A) after the period stipulated in the regulation 9 (1) of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012. This shall be considered as general approval issued for importers in terms of regulation 19 of the same gazette. For implementing this instruction, Commercial Banks shall take declaration from importer about payment made under DA after maturity date via the other banks.
5. Commercial Banks shall effect United States Dollars Fifty thousand (US \$ 50000) or its equivalent of maximum amount as the payment of an importer per two week the payment on unpaid import bills relating to the goods imported under Open Account (O/A) after the period stipulated in the regulation 11 (1) (a) of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012. This shall be considered as general approval issued for importers in terms of regulation 19 of the same gazette. For implementing this instruction, Commercial Banks shall take declaration from importer about payment made under OA after maturity date via the other banks.

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- a. Sri Lanka Customs shall release goods which is not listed in Temporarily Suspended list (TS), Credit List, Import Control License item list, Banned item list and imported under No Foreign Exchange Basis without an approval issued for each and every consignments of importers by this department if exporter confirm No Foreign Exchange Basis and if it is not imported for the purpose of re-export. For implementing this instruction, Sri Lanka Customs shall request importer to submit confirmation of exporter. This shall be considered as general approval issued for importers in terms of regulation 19 of the same gazette.
- b. Sri Lanka Customs shall act in accordance with regulation 14 (c) of the extraordinary gazette no 1739/3 dated 02.01.2012 where importation is made under No Foreign Exchange Basis for the purpose of re-export.

7. This department shall not issue approvals relevant to cases mentioned above during the validity period of these instruction and these instructions are even applied for the cases too referred to this department for approval.
8. These instructions shall be implemented with immediate effect and shall be valid until 13.02.2021

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Controller General

CC: The Governer, Central Bank of Sri Lanka : Grateful to issue specific directions to all Commercial Banks to implement the above instructions