



Import and Export Control Department

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018



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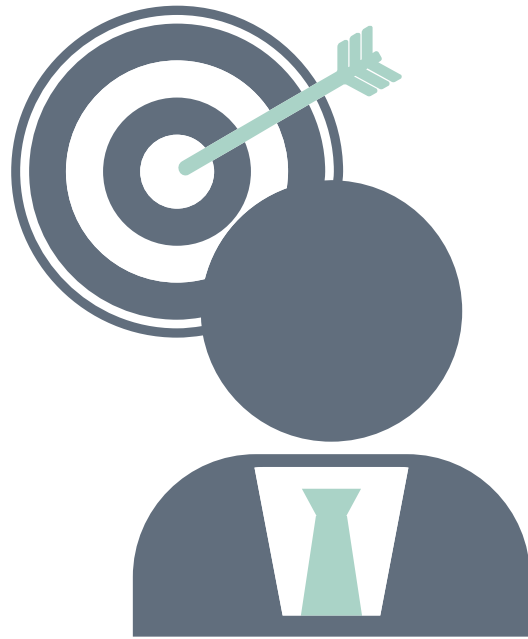
Introduction

The Department of Import and Export Control was established in 1969 by the Import and Export (Control) Act No. 01 of 1969 with the objective of controlling of imports and Exports of Sri Lanka. This department plays a major role in the economy of the country as a regulatory body which is responsible for the imports and exports being subjected to a license requirement. Prior to 1977, there were a lot of restrictions for import and exports which resulted in a heavy volume of work for the department. In year 2019, department completes 50 years of service to the nation.

Our mission has broadened in preparing import and export regulations and providing facilities to promote import and export. These activities are fulfilled in accordance with the mission such as considering National Security, Economy, Public Health and Environment. Standardization of import and export items is conducted to protect local industries, environment and people of the country. Money laundering is also controlled by implementing necessary policy frameworks together with the exchange control department.

Necessary steps have been taken to control or ban critical item that has harmful effect to the environment and public security according to the International Conventions such as Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm's. eg: during year 2018 regulations were established to ban conventional plugs and sockets and introduced single standards for 13 amp plugs and sockets. World Customs Organization revises HS Codes once in every 4 years. According to that revision Revenue Protection Order published by Ministry of Finance and Import and Export Control Department amended and published list of items controlled for import and export.

Import and Export Control Department has completed preparation for new automated computerized system and online submission of application has been established to ensure providing efficient and effective service to the trade community. Fully automated license issuing process will be established in near future.



Vision

To safe guard the community and environment for better future.

Mission

“Implementation of imports and export policy decisions taken by the government from time to time in relation to security, economy, public health and environment etc. of the country in accordance with the Import and Export Control Act No.1 of 1969”

Functions

- Publishing and making regulations required to implement Government policies on imports and exports.
- Controlling importation and exportation of selected commodities or items subject to issuance of import and export licenses.
- Collecting of Imports and Exports License fees.
- Assisting to the Director General of the Customs and Banks pertaining matter on import and export control regulations.
- Issuing operational instructions related to import and export control regulations to the commercial banks.

Output

- During the year 2018, the mission of the Department was accomplished by way of issuing 15775 licenses for the benefit of the country and its economy, subject to the imports and export control.
- Gazette Notifications were published,
 - To introduce Quality Inspection Scheme for imported 122 items,
 - To revoke ban imposed on importation of glyphosate,
 - To uplift importing vehicle standard to Euro IV standards by introducing vehicular exhaust emission standards and safety measurements.
- Discussions/ meetings and workshops were carried out with relevant government agencies to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540) in Sri Lanka by formulating Strategic Trade Control System and Global Licensing System.
- Regularization of import control by debits subsequent to the receipt of verification the goods were imported in compliance with the license.
- Granting licenses on the basis of foreign exchange not being spent on importation as per the import and export control policies.
- Giving necessary assistance to the Director General of the Customs and the Controller of Exchange in the event of noncompliance with import and export control regulations.
- Issuance Operational guidelines pertaining to import and export control to the commercial banks.
- Collection of revenue amount of LKR 1.56 Billion as license fee and crediting the amount to the Consolidated Fund.

Enhancement of the Service

A number of various measures have been taken by the department to upgrade the services. Such as alteration of the departmental structure (expansion of the office area), development of infrastructure facilities, betterment of welfare, introduction of the highly efficient and effective Information technology system and provision of training opportunities to the staff with the purpose of development of capacities and continuous growth of their carrier.

Staff

Following permanent staff of the department served to carry out the administrative functions, i.e. issuance of import and export licenses, debiting, and collection of revenue and for activities related to policy planning as well. (Table No. 1)

The staff committed collectively with responsibility to accomplish services of the Department of Import and Export Control at optimal level while providing effective and efficient service to the clients in friendly manner.

The department had lacked Internal Auditor in previous years though department engage trade related activities while generating revenue. Internal Auditor was appointed to fulfill such deficiency.

Translator	GTS	I/II	MN6 - 2016	Tertiary level	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0								
Information & Communication Technology Officer	SLICTS	II	MN6 - 2016	Tertiary level	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0								
		III	MT1 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Has been sent under F.R.71 for approval for 03 officers due to launching online system in this year.							
Budget Asst.	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Data Management Asst.	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0							
Investigation Officer	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0						1		
Information & Technology Asst.	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	These 3 officers have been absorbed in to DOS of DO services and requested under F.R. 71 to enhancing cadre for 08 Development							
Policy & Planning Asst.	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Research Asst.	Dept.	-	MN4 - 2016	Secondary Level	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								

Summary of the Staff as at 31.12.2018

3 officers from departmental service have been absorbed into development officer service.

No	Designation, Service and Grade	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Deficits	Excess
01	Staff Grade	12	09	03	
02	Tertiary Grade	04	03	01	
03	Non-Staff Grade	69	58	11	02
04	Primary Level	20	11	09	
	Total	105	81	24	

Table No. 02

Information Technology and Management



Preparation for the establishment of new information technology system has been completed in the year 2018.

Online license issuing and debiting system has been developed by the Departmental IT Unit together with Information and Communication Technology Agency in Sri Lanka (ICTA)

- ✓ launched the first phase of the program by giving opportunity to submit the license applications **online**

Apart from that, following actions were taken to enhance the performance of the system.

Training for Departmental staff on new IT system.

Three meetings were carried out with recommending authorities after the commencement of first phase of the online system to connect said authorities for recommendation granting process with the online system. National Ozone Unit, Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Petroleum, National Medicine Regulatory Authority, Registrar of Pesticides and Department of Excise represented the meetings.

Managing and regulating the license issuing and debiting system.

Maintaining, upgrading and Bug fixing hardware for the new system.

Import and Export Control website <http://www.imexport.gov.lk> has been updated to cater to the requirements of stake holders and the general public.

The Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal is a one-stop point for information relating to import into and export from Sri Lanka. Implemented by the Department of Commerce, the portal provides an accessible, logical, helpful gateway for traders to access important regulatory and procedural information needed to export, import and transit. The portal is an important step for the government toward improving the predictability and transparency of the country's trading laws and processes to fulfill its purpose. A link is being popped up on the official website of the department to log directly to Sri Lankan Trade Information Portal.

Licensing Process, general guidelines to imports and exports Regulations evolved in licensing process are mentioned in the Trade Portal and updated under the sanction of the department.

Training and Capacity Building

During the year 2018, Officers of the Department in all levels have been directed for local and foreign training as mentioned below, with a view to enhancing their knowledge, attitudes and skills in order to carry out the functions of the Department efficiently and effectively.

Training Programs

Local Training - Development Officer, Public Management Assistant, Office Employee Assistant

No		Title of training	Number of Participants	Date	Amount spend
1	National Productivity Secretarial	Change Management	1	12/6/2018	5,000/-
2	Miloda	Reporting writing skills	1	19/06/2018 - 20/06/2018	13,000/-
3	Sri Lanka Foundation	Two days' workshop on presentation skills	1	21/06/2018 - 22/06/2018	7,500/-
4	Ministry of Mahaweli Development And Environment	Awareness Program on Montreal Protocol System	60	7/7/2018	246,000/-
5	Vocational Training Center - China	2018 Seminar on Business Culture Exchange & Integration for Sri Lanka	1	29/07/2018 - 27/08/2018	-
5	National Productivity Secretarial	Occupational health and safety management	2	07/08/18	10,000/-
6	Miloda	Board of survey and losses & write off	2	30/08/2018 - 31/08/2018	26,000/-
7	SDFL	Training for Office employee assistant	1	20/09/2018- 21/09/2018	6,000/-
8	SDFL	Improvement of job-related knowledge and attitudes of drivers	1	28/09/2018- 29/08/2018	8,500/-
9	National Institute of Labor Studies	Vehicle & machinery	1	18/10/2018 - 19/10/2018	7,000/-
10	SLIDA	Subject matter related training in imports and exports procedure and policies	53	20/10/2018	123,600/-
11	Sri Lanka Foundation	One day workshop on Stress Management	5	18/12/2018	17,500/-

Table No. 03

Local Training - Staff Grade

No	Institute	Title of training	Number of staff	Date	Amount spend
1	SLIDA	Speech Craft Training	1	From 16/10/2018 - 10 Days	15,000/-
2	Vocational Training Center - China	2018 Seminar on Business Culture Exchange & Integration for Sri Lanka	2	29/07/2018 To 27/08/2018	-
3	National Library and Documentation Services Board	Seminar on e-Government, Cyber Security and Media	1	16/10/2018	2,000/-
4	National Audit Office	Inauguration of the National Office and Awareness Program on the National Audit Act	3	1/11/2018	-
5	PRAG Institute	National Audit Act	1	30/10/2018	7,000/-

Table No. 04

Foreign Training – Staff Grade and Development Officer

No	Country	Title of Program	Number of Participants	Date and Duration
1	Japan	25th Asian Export Control Seminar	2	From 27/02/2018 To 01/03/2018
2	India	India - Wiesbaden Conference 2018: Securing Global Supply Chains Through Government- Industry Partnerships towards effective implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540	1	From 16/04/2018 To 17/04/2018
3	China	2018 Seminar on Entry Exit Documents Examination for Developing Countries	2	From 21/05/2018 To 10/06/2018
4	India	Progress To Proficiency Advanced	1	From 12.06.2018 - 31.08.2018
5	China	2018 Seminar on cross-border E-Business For Developing Countries	1	From 05/07/2018 To 25/07/2018
6	Australia	NTFC Tour to Australia for Strengthening Sri Lanka-Australia Cooperation in the Area of trade facilitation: High level dialogues between NTFC Members	1	From 25/08/2018 To 02/09/2018
7	Australia	Women in executive leadership development program	1	From 17/09/2018 To 05/10/2018
8	USA	International Anti-Proliferation and Threat training	1	From 15/10/2018 To 26/10/2018

Table No 05

Awareness Programs

Awareness program for Import and Export Control Department (IECD) Staff.

One day program with two different sessions was organized and held in SLIDA to make awareness among the staff about Imports and exports procedures and policies and office system.

First session: subject matter related in Imports and exports procedures and policies; animated by Mr. Achala Chandasekara who is a Deputy Director of Sri Lanka Customs. This was an interactive session with relevant examples which leads to solve some issues regarding day today duties in the department.

Second session: office systems; this was designed for aware the staff with standardize documentation processes in the office system. Report writing, letter writing and common documentation procedures in government institutions were widely discussed.

Awareness program on Montreal Protocol

With the support of Ministry of Mahawali Development and Environment, a workshop was carried out to enlighten the officers on the importance of Ozone layer, causes for its depletion and the department's role in protecting the ozone layer. Apart of the session was designed to buildup attitudes, leadership skills and personal life satisfaction of the employees with competitive carrier. The program was helpful to officers to be more proactive about self-development, to take more control of the career, to pursue self-development as a motivational tool for goal achievement, to participate in an active career development partnership with one's employer, to retool their self for the current workplace, to enhance the ability to manage change, to take risks, to collaborate, and to build partnerships and teams.

A lecture on National Audit Act.

With the collaboration of National Audit office Sri Lanka, department organized a session to aware the officers about National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. Introducing to a legal framework to promote fiscal accountability amongst those serving in the public sector is important. The origin of the act, the clauses in the acts and uses of the act were explained in the lecture. This was an especial lecture to department for aware the audit procedures in government agencies.

Know about International Trade

This session was conducted to introduce the role of a commercial Bank and the importance of a regulation body in International trade. Standard Chartered Bank of Sri Lanka was the resource persons for this program. Payment methods in international trade, insurance methods and regulations were clearly describe in the session. Some suggestions ware proposed to implement in the department for the purpose of upgrading customer satisfaction as well as productivity.

Welfare

A welfare association has been established in the department for the wellbeing of officers. Under the association a library is maintained. In 2018 library was upgraded with new books and some new features. These functions helps to the staff keep their knowledge up dated and use their leisure time in useful manner. Instead of buying books, every employee who might need books can refer those.

An annual get-together was organized to reduce some tired shoulders around the department. Get-together was great way to facilitate bonding with the co-workers by reduce employee stress, and give them the chance to get to know one another outside of the office.

Development in Infrastructure

For employees, the office is the place where they spend most of the time of their lives. Nine to eight hours of the day in those four-walled infrastructures. It is time to focus on the biggest asset of the institute that is the workforce which is most affected by the infrastructure of the office. Some parts of the office floor was renovated to expand the facilities of the department and transform department into present working area. Many start-ups have started to install comfortable stuff, which is more employee-friendly. From this development process department hope to help employees to boost their productivity, to make service more profitable, to increase peace and tranquility at the workplace and to reduce the stress.

New Regulations published during the year 2018

Implementing the policies of the Government in respect of Importation and Exportation, the following Extraordinary Gazettes Notifications were published to declare and enforce regulations.

Extraordinary Gazette No.	Date	Description
2064/34	29.03.2018	Import and Export Regulations (Standardization and Quality Control)
2076/4	18.06.2018	Revoke ban imposed on importation of Glyphosate.
2079/70	13.07.2018	Vehicular Exhaust Emission Standards and Safety Measurements
2083/37	10.08.2018	Vehicular Exhaust Emission Standards and Safety Measurements

Table No. 06

Import and Export Regulations (Standardization and Quality Control)

Sri Lanka is a signatory body to the World Customs Organization (WCO) since 1968 and hence it is obligatory to implement the international convention on Harmonized commodity Description and Coding System. As per the article 3 of the said convention the customs tariff and the statistical nomenclatures shall be in conformity with Harmonized System.

Harmonized System is reformed once in every four year. Accordingly, Harmonized System 2012 had been amended as Harmonized System 2017. It is adopted as new version (2017) to ensure the keeping Harmonized System up to date in the light of the changes in technology and patters of international trade. These amendments have been done by covering the agricultural, chemical, wood, textile, Base metal, machinery transport and few other sectors.

Sri Lanka made amendments to the existing National Harmonized System in eight digit level to comply with the obligations of the WCO. Those amendments had been published through the Revenue Protection Order as per article 3 of the international Convention on Harmonized commodity.

At the same time it is necessary to amend the regulations of Import and export control (Standardization and Quality) in accordance with amended H.S. code and new standards introduced by Sri Lanka Institute of Standard and accordingly the gazette Notification 2064/34 dated March 29, 2018 was published.

Revoke ban imposed on importation of Glyphosate

The ban was based on the health related issues caused by Glyphosate. But the ministry of Plantation Industries continuously pointed out that ban of importation of Glyphosate Directly led to increase in cost of production in cash crops in the country such as tea, rubber and, coconut. A committee appointed by the H.E. President, had recommended to revoke the ban and as per recommendation of Committee and subsequent Cabinet memorandum, Cabinet of Ministers decided to lift ban only for Tea and Rubber sectors for 36 months. Accordingly the gazette No. 2076/ 4 dated 18.06.2018 was published to lift the ban for 36months.

Vehicular Exhaust Emission Standards and Safety Measurements

Due to the inadequate safety measures and standards in the vehicles, fatal accidents, grievous injuries and damages have considerably gone high in the year 2017 compared to the year 2016. Based on the statistics provided by the Traffic Administration and Road Safety, fatal accidents have increased by 5.6% in the year 2017 and grievous injuries recorded as 14,453 numbers.

Year	Element type			
	Fatal	Grievous Injuries	Non Grievous Injury	Damage only
2017	4,517	14, 453	21, 741	23,977
2016	4,276	14,760	23,135	24,799

Table No. 07 (Statistics provided by the Traffic Administration and Road Safety)

Considering the damage caused to lives and properties owing to road accidents, Budget Proposals – 2018 have stated that safety standards/measures for motor vehicles be introduced and requirement of Anti-locking Braking System, Seat Belts and Air Bags be made mandatory.

Motor vehicles are major pollution contributor producing significant amounts of Nitrogen Oxide, Carbon Monoxide and other pollutants. The health risk of air pollution is extremely serious, poor air quality increases respiratory ailments like asthma and bronchitis and heightens the risk of life threatening conditions like cancer while particulate matters is responsible for up to 30,000 premature deaths in each year. Observations have it that the air pollution caused by vehicles exceeds that caused by factories and thermal power plants by now. Scientists who are conducting research on same have also confirmed this fact. Vehicle emissions amount for 60% of urban air pollution and therefore, it is vital to minimize the air pollution caused by vehicles.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment has published Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2079/42 dated 12.07.2018 making it mandatory to comply with emission standards specified in the Schedules. Based on the said Gazette Notification and safety standards/ measures specified in the Budget Proposal, Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2079/70 dated 13.07.2018 was published including the requirement of emission standards and safety standards/ measures for imported motor vehicles.

However, Japanese motor vehicles do not comply with the emission level specified in the Third schedule of Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2079/42 dated 12.07.2018 and hence, the above Gazette Notification has been amended to include the Fifth Schedule and published as Gazette (Extra Ordinary) No. 2083/3 of 06.08.2018 by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment. In keeping with same, the Department of Import and Export Control took action to publish Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2083/37 dated 10.08.2018.

Implementation of UNSCR 1540 in Sri Lanka is on progress

Objective of this program is to introduce a Strategic Trade Control System to Sri Lanka. United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540) is a legally binding instrument that includes proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery which constitute a threat to international peace and security.

Therefore, laws and regulations should be enacted and mechanisms have to be devised for export, re-export transit, transshipment of nuclear, chemical and biological weapon related materials for the peaceful purposes. United Nations Member States are required to adopt a strategic export control mechanism, to fulfill the above obligations and thereby control circulation and trade of items necessary for manufacture of conventional or non-conventional weapons of mass destruction as well as for general production. Department of Import and Export Control, in terms of powers vested under the Import and Export (Control) Act No. 1 of 1969 has initiated preliminary activities to prepare a Strategic Export Control List and to check feasibility of amending existing acts or formulating new act, as per the above Resolution. To meet the objective of this program department has been organizing meetings and workshops with collaboration of government agencies to aware the Strategic Trade Control System.

Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate

According to Import Export Control regulations Pre shipment Certificate should be produced when importing used vehicles and brand new vehicles where supplier is unable to produce manufacture certificate for brand new vehicles. At present four authorized inspections agencies are involved with issuing Pre-shipment Certificate and number of authorized inspections agencies should be increased to make a competition among the agencies and that may lead to deliver better service for customers efficiently and economically by the agencies. Hence Technical Committee appointed and had meetings to increase number of Inspections Agencies

Revenue Analysis

The department was able to earn revenue of Rs.1554 million in the year 2018. The revenue has increased by 4.5% (Rs.66, 720,762.8) compared to the year 2017 and it can be classified as follows.

Year	Revenue (LKR)
2017	1, 487,761,561.39
2018	1, 554,482,324.19

Table No. 08

Above revenue is included with the additional charges and revised charges. There is no special reason to increase revenue, but Increase of Number of licenses issued and depreciation of Sri Lankan Rupee against US dollar may cause to it.

Revenue

Details of the revenue have been given in below table.

Month	Net Income
January	185,720,231.94
February	112,577,468.99
March	120,411,813.62
April	99,006,540.82
May	113,007,887.79
June	130,531,188.22
July	96,974,612.16
August	133,920,374.92
September	97,867,536.61
October	153,915,345.58
November	126,213,678.08
December	184,335,645.46
Total	1,554,482,324.19

Table No 09

Expenditure Analysis

Financial Sources

Measures have been taken to spend the provisions allocated under the local funds by the consolidated fund, effectively and efficiently.

Description	Year 2017	Year 2018
Total Expenditure	67,131,842.30	63,254,930.89

Table No. 10

Expenditures in 2018 have been decreased by 5.78%

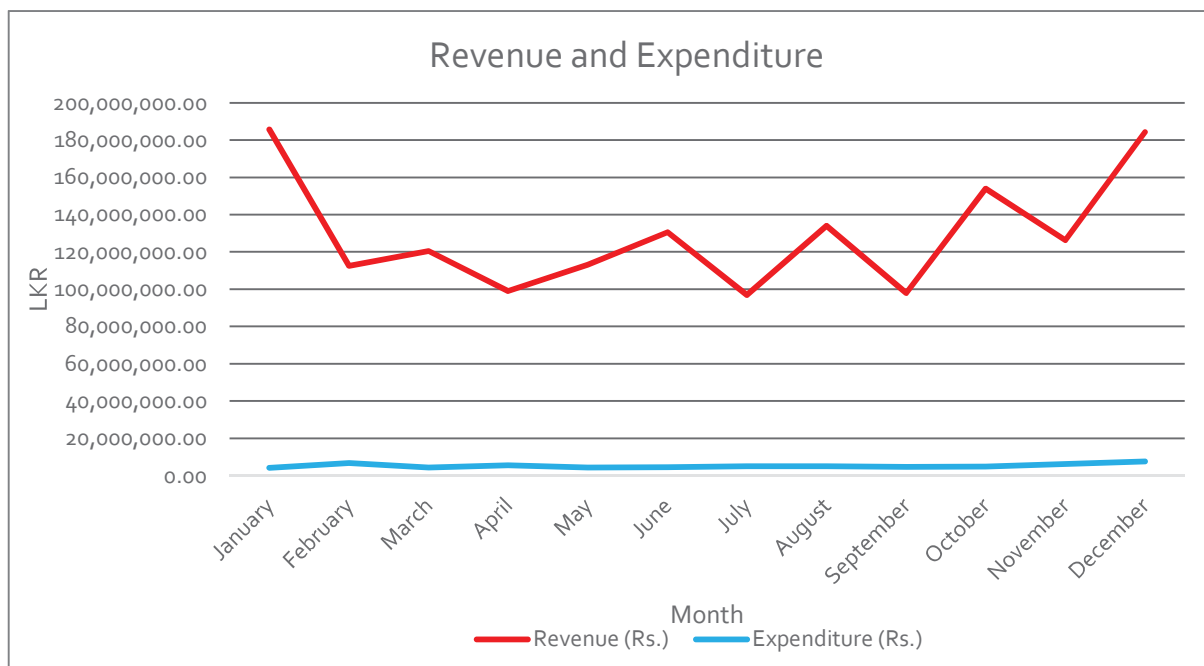
Revenue and Expenditure Analysis 2018

The Department has earned a revenue of 1.56 Billion while spending 63 Million. Monthly income and expenditure summary as follows

Month	Revenue (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
January	185,720,231.94	4,151,481.53
February	112,577,468.99	6,816,976.57
March	120,411,813.62	4,281,015.20
April	99,006,540.82	5,564,055.30
May	113,007,887.79	4,412,585.67
June	130,531,188.22	4,578,287.18
July	96,974,612.16	4,999,373.10
August	133,920,374.92	5,063,144.85
September	97,867,536.61	4,672,972.99
October	153,915,345.58	4,872,480.66
November	126,213,678.08	6,254,413.01
December	184,335,645.46	7,588,144.83
Total	1,554,482,324.19	63,254,930.89

Table No. 11

Revenue and Expenditure Analysis 2018



Graph No. 01

No of License Issued in 2018 (Categorization)

No	Description	Category	Number of Licenses
Unit 01 – Drugs			
1	Western Drugs	400	1,650.00
2	Veterinary drugs	410	336
3	Ayurveda	420	230
4	Homeopathy	430	12
5	Surgical Accessories	450	65
Sub Total			2293

Unit 02-Vehicles			
6	Donations of Social Services Organizations	150	10
7	Residential Foreigners	160	1
8	Special Purposes Machines	180	26
9	Motor Trailers (used)	185	1
10	Temporary importation for export promotion	190	1
11	Hearses	200	1
12	Air Craft and Helicopter Spare parts	210	87
13	Engines	220	201

14	Cabins	230	10
15	Body Shells	235	-
16	Used Motor Bicycles	240	25
17	Helmets	245	27
18	Custom Auction	255	-
19	Heavy Vehicles	270	170
20	Heavy Vehicles (LC Permit)	275	2
21	Spare Parts of Vehicles	280	5
22	Tires	285	3
23	Chassis	290	18
24	Auto-Trishaws	305	-
25	Seats	320	152
Sub-Total			740
Unit 03 – Chemicals			
26	Chemicals	500	637
27	Petroleum Products	510	1,036
28	Pesticides	520	1,584
29	Radioactive Materials	530	161
30	Alcohol	540	300
Sub- Total			3718

Unit 04 - Telecommunication Appliances and other			
31	Computers	625	5
32	Refrigerant Gases	640	31
33	Printing Machines and Photocopiers	690	171
34	Remote Control Toys	660	101
35	Communication Equipment and Mobile Phones	620	1,019.00
36	Used Air Conditioners, used Refrigerator and Deep freezers	630	3
37	Used Washing machines	635	1
38	Weather Balloons	695	1
39	Air conditioners (brand new)	645	97
40	Mobile phones (used/brand new)	615	2,868.00
41	Heat Pumps	631	4
42	Electrical Plugs and sockets	655	9
Sub- Total			4310

Unit-05-Variou s Import and Export			
43	Animals and Animal Products	550	1,970.00
44	Frozen Fish	555	377
45	Frozen Squid	556	82
46	Tea	570	133
47	Coins	610	5
48	Explosives and Firearms	600	137
49	Pieces of Metal, Debris and other	715	92
50	Waste Metal Debris	710	390
51	Energy Drink	575	96
52	Sludge oil	700	423
53	Used Garments	720	154
54	Sports Items	650	7
55	Sawed Timber Pieces	602	51
56	Used Furniture	680	74
57	Tea	580	669
58	Organic Waste	735	6
		670	48
Sub-Total			4714

Total		15,775
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Table No. 12

Total no of license issued in 2018

Month	Drugs	Vehicles	Chemical	Tele communication	Exports	Total
January	226	65	298	389	360	1338
February	176	88	245	393	365	1267
March	179	75	339	371	465	1429
April	154	81	266	257	328	1086
May	199	73	321	402	369	1364
June	162	62	333	320	380	1257
July	186	62	342	349	398	1337
August	220	54	337	406	443	1460
September	178	34	247	373	358	1190
October	211	60	374	340	462	1447
November	156	50	275	356	375	1212
December	246	36	341	354	411	1388
	2293	740	3718	4310	4714	15775

Table No. 13

Number of License Generated During the Last 5 Years

Number of license issued during the last 5 years by the respective units is as follows

Items	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Drugs	2500	2732	2,450	2,205	2293
Vehicles	958	739	797	690	740
Chemicals	4339	3844	3,684	3,644	3718
Telecommunication Equipment	3523	4338	4,399	3,401	4310
Other Imports and Exports	2148	3274	4,168	4,947	4714

Table No. 14

Review of License Data During Last 5 Years

Drugs – Unit 1

During last five years, highest number of license issued was recorded in 2015. From 2016, number of license issued was decreasing yearly and a slight increase has been recorded in 2018. Western drugs are the major part of the license issued by the unit 1.

Vehicles – Unit 2

Even the number of license issued on imported vehicles gone down in last year (2017) with compared to 2014 – 2016, an increase is recorded in 2018. During past five years number of license granted for vehicles shown ups and downs.

Chemical – Unit 3

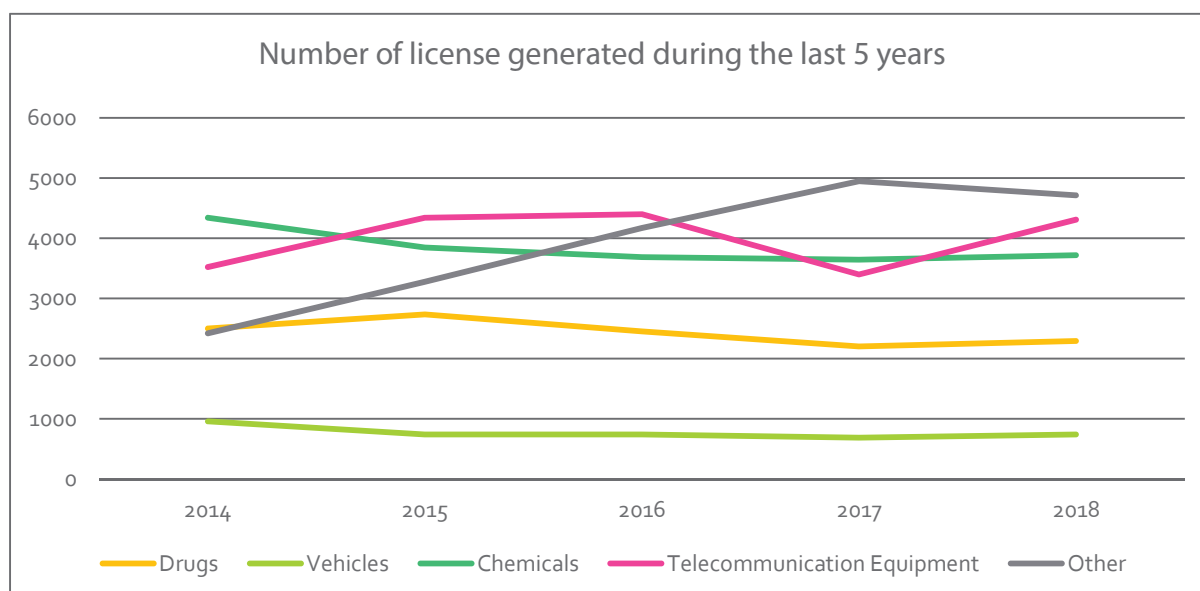
Highest number of license issued for import chemicals was recorded in 2014. From 2015 to 2018 number of license issued have been declined. Pesticides are the major part of license granted item in 2018 by the unit 3. It is used for cultivation processes in the island. During last 4 years production sector of the economy shown less expansion and it has been effecting the fallen down of chemical imports.

Telecommunication Equipment and other – Unit 4

A continuous increase of the number of license granted for importation of telecommunication equipment were shown from 2014 – 2016. Even though a slight dropdown was recorded in 2017, a shot up is recorded in 2018. Expansion of telecommunication sector during year 0f 2018 was caused to the increase. Even if issuance license for importation of used electrical and electronic items are reduced by the department concerning those items may lead to accumulate E waste, the number of license granted for telecommunication equipment and other equipment have been increased. This is due to expansion on technology in the country.

Other Imports and Exports – Unit 5

From 2014 to 2017 a continuous increase of the number of license granted for other imports and exports was recorded, but a slight sank has been recorded in 2018. Highest number of license issued under the Animals and Animal Products category.



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Conclusion

According to the vision and mission of the Imports and Exports Control department, 04 Gazette notifications were published in 2018 for the purpose of implementation of imports and exports policy decisions taken by the government from time to time in relation to security, economy, and public health and environment of the country. Simultaneously a significant income for national income was provided by the department. Compliance with international trade policies and modern e-technologies department is trying to upgrade licensing and service providing process in to esteemed level by satisfying clients as well as sustaining national development objectives.

