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Operating Instructions 06/2020

The CEOs all Commercial Banks

Dear Sir/ Madam

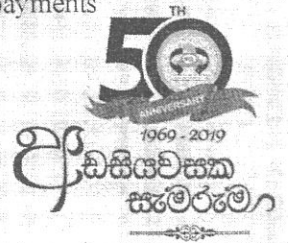
Non Submission of Documents from the Beneficiary Banks to the Receiving Banks

Following Operating Instructions are issued under the power vested in Imports and Exports Control Act, No 1 of 1969 and in terms of the regulations No 20 of the Gazette Extraordinary No 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012

The Operating Instruction No 05/2020 is repealed hereby.

Due to the prevailing situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the world, if there's an impediment of receiving documents from the beneficiary banks, commercial banks shall adhere to the following procedure to release the documents to the importer and to effect payment.

1. The regulation no. 10 (1) of the Gazette Extraordinary No 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012 is exempted until further notice and the banks may accept scanned copies of the original documents emailed from the beneficiary banks to the receiving banks if it is confirmed by a **SWIFT** (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) message until such date and the documents can be released to the importer for the clearing purposes.
2. Banks may, at its discretion reserve on proceeding payment regarding the aforesaid importation after receiving the SWIFT confirmation in accordance with the instruction No 1.
3. Importer shall present a copy of the CUSDEC within 14days from the date of clearance to the relevant bank when documents are released for clearance purpose and payments are made as per above 1 and 2 respectively.
4. The bank shall submit to the Controller General of Imports and Exports a monthly report of cases where the document mentioned in the above 3 are not submitted within the stipulated period. Submission of the report of cases can be done by using the format attached herewith. (Annexure 01)



5. When implementing the regulation No. 10(3) of the Gazette Extraordinary No 1739/3 dated January 02, 2012, number of days for submission of original shipping documents to the bank, is considered as 90 days instead of the 45 days as mentioned therein.
6. Regulations published in the Gazettes Extraordinary No 1804/17 dated April 03, 2013, No 2107/45 dated January 25, 2019, the Operation Instructions No 01/2019 dated January 29, 2019 and No 01/2019(II) dated July 17, 2019 regarding importation of the motor vehicles, shall be continued to apply and above instructions 1 to 4 do not apply for the importation of motor vehicles.
7. These instructions shall be implemented with immediate effect.



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Controller General of Imports and Exports

CC: Director General, Sri Lanka Customs: For your information and necessary actions please

Annexure 01

	Name of the Importer / Company Name	National Identity Card Number/ Business Registration Number/Company Registration Number	TIN Number (If available)	Address	Invoice Numbers with dates	Value	Remarks (if available)
1							
2							
3							