

Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006

[Certified on 19th May, 2006]

LD.—O. 8/2004.

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE AND FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF CONTRACTS, THE CREATION AND EXCHANGE OF DATA MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS, ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM IN SRI LANKA ; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY AND ACCREDITATION OF CERTIFICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS ; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006.

Short title and date of operation.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall come into operation on the date on which this Act is Certified as an Act of Parliament and the other provisions shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint, by Order published in the *Gazette* (hereinafter referred to as the “appointed date”).

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

2. The objectives of the Act shall be—

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- (a) to facilitate domestic and international electronic commerce by eliminating legal barriers and establishing legal certainty ;
- (b) to encourage the use of reliable forms of electronic commerce ;
- (c) to facilitate electronic filling of documents with Government and to promote efficient delivery of Government services by means of reliable forms of electronic communications ; and
- (d) to promote public confidence in the authenticity, integrity and reliability of data messages, electronic documents, electronic records or other communications.