

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

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**SURCHARGE TAX**

**A**

**BILL**

**to provide for the imposition of surcharge tax and for matters connected**

**therewith and incidental thereto**

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AN ACTTOPROVIDEFORTHEIMPOSITIONOFSURCHARGETAXAND

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

**1.**  This Act may be cited as the Surcharge Tax Act, No. of Short title 2022.

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| 5 | **2.** (1) There shall be levied, subject to the succeeding | Imposition |
| provisions of this Act, a tax to be called Surcharge Tax | of Surcharge |
| (hereinafter referred to as “the tax”) from – | Tax |

(*a*) any individual, partnership or company, whose   
taxable income calculated in accordance with the

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| 10 | provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017, exceeds rupees two thousand million, for the |

year of assessment commenced on April 1, 2020, at   
the rate of twenty five *per centum* on the taxable

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| 15 | income of such individual, partnership or company, for such year of assessment: |

Provided however, the income of a partner derived   
from a partnership shall not be taken into account   
when calculating the taxable income of such partner   
as an individual under this paragraph, if the tax has

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| 20 | been paid by the partnership on such taxable income; and |

(*b*) each company of a group of companies, of which the aggregate of the taxable income of all subsidiaries and the holding company in that group 25 of companies, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017, exceeds rupees two thousand million, for the year of assessment commenced on April 1, 2020, at the rate of twenty five *per centum*, on the taxable

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income of each such company after deducting the gains and profits from dividends received from a subsidiary which is part of such taxable income of each such company, for such year of assessment, 5 notwithstanding that the taxable income of any one of such companies does not exceed rupees two thousand million.

(2) In calculating the aggregate of the taxable income under

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| 10 | paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1), any subsidiary or any holding company of such group of companies which has a nil amount |

due to losses or unrelieved losses, shall not be taken into account.

(3) Where the Commissioner-General has approved an

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| 15 | alternative period of twelve months under the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017, for the purpose of |

maintaining accounts of any company liable to pay the tax under this Act, such approved period shall be deemed to be the year of assessment commenced on April 1, 2020, for the purposes of this Act.

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| 20 | (4) Every individual, partnership, company and the subsidiaries and the holding company of every group of |

company liable to pay the tax under this Act, shall pay the tax in two equal installments on or before, the thirty first day of

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| 25 | March and thirtieth day of June of 2022, to the Commissioner-General. |

(5) The tax shall be collected by the Commissioner-General and shall be remitted to the Consolidated Fund within fifteen days from the date of collection.

(6) Any subsequent liquidation process of a subsidiary or 30 the holding company of a group of companies shall not indemnify any such company from the liability of paying the tax under this Act.

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(7) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any other written law, –

(*a*) the tax levied under this Act shall be deemed to be an expenditure in the financial statement relating to 5 the year of assessment commenced on April 1, 2020;

(*b*) no deduction shall be granted in calculating the   
taxable income under the Inland Revenue Act, No.   
24 of 2017, for any year of assessment, for the   
payment of the tax under this Act;

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| 10 | (*c*) no deduction shall be granted in calculating the Value Added Tax on the supply of financial services under |

the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, for the   
payment of the tax under this Act.

(8) For the purpose of this section “taxable income”–

15 (*a*) in relation to a company which has entered into an agreement with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka under section 17 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No. 4 of 1978 and has become liable to income tax determined in accordance with such 20 agreement, after the expiration of its period of tax exemption set out in such agreement means the profit before income tax and the tax levied under this Act of such company as per the audited financial statement;

25 (*b*) in relation to an individual, a partnership, a company and the subsidiaries and the holding company of a group of companies other than the companies referred to in paragraph (*a*), shall have the same meaning assigned to such expression under section 30 3 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017.

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| 4 | *Surcharge Tax* | Tax return  shall be  furnished |
| **3.** (1) Every individual, partnership, company and the subsidiaries and the holding company of every group of company chargeable with the tax under this Act shall on or | |

prior to March 31, 2022, furnish in writing to the Commissioner-5 General, a tax return in the specified form containing such particulars as may be specified by the Commissioner-General.

(2) The Commissioner-General may specify –

(*a*) the form for tax returns;

(*b*) the information to be furnished on the tax return 10 and attachments if any, required to be filed with the tax return; and

(*c*) the manner of filing.

(3) For the purpose of this Act, a tax return furnished under subsection (1) shall be treated as a “tax return” under the 15 provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 and shall result in a self-assessment.

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| 20 | **4.** (1) Where any individual, partnership, company or the | Default in |
| subsidiaries and the holding company of any group of | payment of |
| the tax |
| companies is liable to pay the tax under this Act, fails to pay |
| such tax, as provided for in this Act, such individual, |

partnership, company or subsidiaries and the holding company of the group of companies shall be deemed to be a defaulter of the tax under this Act.

(2) It shall be lawful for an assessment to be made in the 25 name of the partnership and the amounts thereon shall be recoverable out of the assets of the partnership, or from any partner, or from any agent of the partnership.

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| **5.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (2) and (3), | |
| the provisions of Chapter IX , Chapter X, Chapter XI, Chapter | | of the certain |
| provisions of |
| XII, Chapter XIII, Chapter XIV, Chapter XV, Chapter XVI, | |
| the Inland |
| Chapter XVII, Chapter XVIII of the Inland Revenue Act, No.24 | | Revenue Act, |
| of 2017 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be applicable to the | | No.24 of |
| 2017 |
| administration, record keeping and information collection, | |

tax returns, assessments, objections and appeals, liability for and payment of tax, interest, recovery of tax, penalties and criminal proceedings under this Act.

10 (2) Every reference to income tax in any such provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No.24 of 2017, shall be deemed to be a reference to the tax charged and levied in terms of the provisions of this Act.

(3) Any default assessment, amended assessment or

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| 15 | additional assessment shall not be made in respect of an individual, a partnership, a company or the subsidiaries and |

the holding company of a group of companies after the thirty first day of December, 2024.

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| 20 | **6.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires– | Interpretation |
| “Commissioner-General” shall have the same meaning |

assigned to such expression under the Inland   
Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017;

“Company” shall have the same meaning assigned to   
such expression under the Inland Revenue Act,

25 No. 24 of 2017;

“group of companies” means a holding company and   
 its subsidiaries;

“holding company” means a company which owns more

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| 30 | than fifty *per centum* of the shares with voting rights of another company, directly or indirectly, |

other than a holding company incorporated

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outside Sri Lanka and not registered under   
Chapter XVIII of the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007;

“partnership” shall have the same meaning assigned

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| 5 | to such expression under the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017; |

“tax return” shall have the same meaning assigned to   
such expression under the Inland Revenue Act,   
No. 24 of 2017;

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| 10 | “subsidiary” means a company in which more than fifty *per centum* of its shares with voting rights are |

owned by another company, directly or indirectly   
other than a subsidiary incorporated outside Sri   
Lanka and not registered under Chapter XVIII of   
the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007 of a holding

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| 15 | company incorporated outside Sri Lanka and not registered under Chapter XVIII of the Companies |

Act;

“year of assessment” shall have the same meaning

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| 20 | assigned to such expression under section 20 of | Sinhala text |
| the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017. |
| **7.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency

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