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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CONTROL ACT, No. 1 OF 1969

IN terms of the powers vested in me by Section 20 read together with Sub-Section 4(1) and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987, I, Anura Kumara Disanayake, the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development promulgate following Regulations.

**ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE,**  
Minister of Finance, Planning and  
Economic Development.

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,  
Colombo 01.  
December 04, 2024.

**REGULATIONS**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “**Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 13 of 2024**”.
2. The Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended subsequently, is hereby further amended.



3. These Regulations are promulgated as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated December 02, 2024 with reference to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated November 25, 2024 on the joined Memorandum No. 24/2067/817/001 of the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation and Minister of Labour.
4. Notwithstanding the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, the requirement of Import Control License (ICL) on importation of rice, classified under the HS Codes of 1006.30.19 and 1006.30.29, and listed out in the Schedules I and V of said Regulations, shall be exempted for such rice consignments, which arrived at the Ports/airports of Sri Lanka on or after December 02, 2024, with the Bill of Entry (Customs Declaration) together with other documents delivered to the Director General of Customs during the period of December 04, 2024 to December 20, 2024.
5. Any goods imported in violation of these Regulations shall be re-exported with all associated costs borne by the importer.
6. To achieve the objectives of these Regulations, the Controller General of Imports and Exports shall issue “Operational Instructions” to the Director General of Customs, licensed banks or any other relevant authorities.
7. In the case of any issue arising in relation to these Regulations, the Controller General of Imports and Exports, in consultation with the Director General of Customs and the Secretary to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development, shall take final decision on the same.
8. These Regulations shall enter into force with effect from December 04, 2024.

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