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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### PETROLEUM RESOURCES ACT, No. 21 OF 2021

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 read with Section 4(a) and Section 16(4) of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021.

KANCHANA WIJESEKERA,  
Minister of Power and Energy.

Colombo,  
01st of March, 2024.

#### Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Resources (Exploration and Development Block Map) Regulations No. 1 of 2024.

2. (1) The Authority shall prepare a map dividing the offshore and onshore areas into graticular sections to demarcate and designate exploration blocks and development blocks (hereinafter referred to as the “Map”) which shall be designated for joint studies, exploration or development in conformity with the following procedure -

- to identify the suspected petroleum resource areas ;
- to obtain confirmation from the relevant government agencies for preparing the Map including the identified areas ;



- (c) upon the confirmation under paragraph (b), to obtain the approval of the Board to prepare the Map ;
- (d) to submit the draft of the Map for the approval of the Minister ; and
- (e) to publish the Map in the government *Gazette* and the website of the Authority.

(2) In preparation of the Map-

- (a) the country outline, maritime boundaries, and any other related maps references approved by the Surveyor - General shall be used for the purpose of demarcating the offshore graticular sections ;
- (b) the onshore graticular sections shall be demarcated by the Surveyor - General in consultation with the Authority

3. The Map shall include the following :

- (a) unique block reference number ;
- (b) coordinate system ;
- (c) projection ;
- (d) datum ;
- (f) scale ;
- (g) publishing entity details ; and
- (h) any other relevant information.

4. Upon the approval of the Minister, the Authority shall publish the map in the *Gazette*.

5 (1) Where the Authority is of the opinion that any improvement is necessary for the Map published in the *Gazette*, the Authority shall obtain a special permission from the Minister to improve the Map.

(2) Upon the special permission obtained under subregulation (1), the Authority shall improve the Map following the procedure laid down in regulation 2.

6. Notwithstanding the publication of the Map under Regulation 4, it shall not be prevented any other development initiatives or activities by the Government within the demarcated and designated area of the Map.

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## **PETROLEUM RESOURCES ACT, No. 21 OF 2021**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 48 of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021 read with section 13(3) of the aforesaid Act.

**KANCHANA WIJESEKERA,**  
Minister of Power and Energy.

Colombo,  
01st of March, 2024.

## Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Resources (Data Licensing) Regulations No. 2 of 2024.
2. A person shall not access any petroleum data, except under authority of a licence issued in that behalf of the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”)
3. Any person who wishes to access any petroleum data for the commercial, educational or scientific use shall make an application to the Director-General of the Authority substantially be in the Form set out in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose of obtaining the data access license. The Director-General may, where necessary, require an applicant to furnish information.
4. Upon the receipt of an application, Director-General shall on the consideration of the matters contained in the application of the matters in the application and documents, submit a report to the Board of Directors of the Authority (in these regulations referred to as the “Board”).
5. Upon the receipt of the report under regulation 4, the Authority shall on the consideration of the matters in the application and documents and, the report and recommendation if any, inform the applicant that either he is eligible to be issued a Data Access Licence for accessing the data or of the refusal to issue such Data Access licence. The Authority shall in writing inform the applicant of its decision and in a case of a refusal to grant a Data Access Licence, it shall state its reasons therefor.
6. Every person who is eligible to be issued a Licence under regulation 4 shall enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement, Data Licensing Agreement or Data Sharing Agreement based on the requirement as mentioned in the application with the Authority before issued of Data Access Licence for access and use of petroleum data and upon the signing of the relevant Agreement, the Authority shall issue a Data Access Licence. The Data Access License Fee shall be determined by the Board based on the facts concerned and criticalness of the data and shall be addressed by the relevant agreement.
7. Every Data Access Licence shall, unless revoked earlier, be valid for a period for which the Non-Disclosure Agreement, Data Licensing Agreement or Data Sharing Agreement is in force and shall be subject to terms and conditions specified therein.
8. The Authority may revoke a Data Access Licence issued under regulation 6, if the Authority is satisfied that the licensee has violated any of the terms and conditions of the Non-Disclosure Agreement or Data Access Licence.
9. A Data Access Licence issued under regulation 6 shall be renewable on an application being made in that behalf to the Authority not later than thirty days before the expiry of the relevant Agreement with a renewal fee as determined by the Board.
10. A Data Access Licence may subject to the provisions of regulation 6 be renewed by the Authority if the Authority is satisfied that the licensee has observed the terms and conditions.
11. Every physical or virtual data room visits shall be granted strictly under Data Room Guidelines. If the provision of such Access carries a direct cost to the Authority, as in the case of remote hosting, that cost shall be passed on to the applicant in the form of a fee determined by the Board.
12. A Data Access License, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Data Licensing Agreement or Data Sharing Agreement shall not be transferable, and shall cease to be valid if the original applicant becomes a partner in a joint venture, physically ceases to exist, or otherwise changes his legal status, unless approved by the Authority in writing.

13. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires -

“Data Access License” means a license given by the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka to any applicant or an entity as the licensee to access and use certain types of Petroleum Data ;

“Data Licensing Agreement” means an agreement between the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka and another party for the purpose of gaining access to the Petroleum data by purchasing those with a commercial value ;

“Data Sharing Agreement” means an agreement between the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka and another party for the purpose of transferring Petroleum data for educational or non-commercial purpose ;

“Non-Disclosure Agreement” means an agreement between the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka and another party to keep certain information provided by the Authority to remain confidential ;

“Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka” means the Petroleum Development Authority of Sri Lanka established under section 3 of the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021; and

“Petroleum data” shall have the same meaning as in the Petroleum Resources Act, No. 21 of 2021.

(Regulation 3)

SCHEDULE I

Data Access License Application Form		
Name of the Applicant		
Designation		
Organization/ institution		
Address		
Company incorporation No./ Business registration No.		
Email		
Telephone		
Application Category	Fax	
		Please tick (✓)
1. For physical or virtual data room visits		
2. For purchase from the Authority or a licensed contractor		
3. For academic research		
Petroleum Data List (Please refer to the PDASL Data Catalogue available on <a href="http://www.pdasl.gov.lk">www.pdasl.gov.lk</a> )		
Details of Intended purpose / use of the data		
Signature and details of Authorized Representative		

I declare that the above furnished details are true to my knowledge and do hereby agree not to share the Petroleum data once it is received by preserving confidentiality

Signature : .....

Data : .....

Name : .....

Designation : .....

General

(i) All documents must be in English.

(ii) The ownership of all Petroleum Data is vested with the Government of Sri Lanka and control of Such Petroleum Data is vested with the Authority.

(iii) The Authority shall review this application and decide whether to license the data. The data. The applicant shall be duly informed of the decision. The decision of the Authority shall be final.

Applications shall be sent for the attention of the Director General of the Authority, *via* dg@pdasl.gov.lk or postal address;

Petroleum Development Authority,  
Level 6, Ceylinco House, Janadhipathi Mawatha,  
Colombo 01,  
Sri Lanka.

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