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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, Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies promulgate following Regulations.

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,

Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01, February 19, 2024.

Regulations

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 03 of 2024".
- 2. The Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the *Gazette No.* 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended subsequently, is hereby further amended.



- 3. These Regulations are issued as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated December 18, 2023, on the Memorandum No. 23/2380/631/032 dated December 06, 2023, of the Minister of Investment Promotion.
- 4. Notwithstanding the Regulation No. 9 of the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, referred above, the Controller General of Imports and Exports shall issue Import Control License (ICL) for importation of goods, listed out in the Schedule V of the said Regulations, as described in the Schedule below, by an Approved Enterprise, for the purpose of process and re-export with a minimum of 35% of local value addition and not for any other forms of direct or indirect sale purposes.

	Column I	Column II		Column III	Column IV
	HS Heading	HS Code		Description	Import Control License (L)
4	09.04			Pepper of the genus Piper; dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta.	
			-	Pepper:	
		0904.11		Neither crushed nor ground :	
				Light Berries of pepper with a density not exceeding 450grams per litre :	
		0904.11.11		Organic	L
		0904.11.19		Other	L
7	09.08			Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms.	
			-	Nutmeg:	
		0908.11		Neither crushed nor ground :	
				Organic:	
		0908.11.11		Wormy and Punky	L
		0908.11.19		Other	L
			-	Cardamoms:	
		0908.31		Neither crushed nor ground	L
		0908.32		Crushed or ground	L
8	09.10			Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices.	
			-	Ginger:	
		0910.11		Neither crushed nor ground :	
		0910.11.10		Dried	L
		0910.11.90		Other	L

Column I HS Heading	Column II HS Code		Column III Description	Column IV Import Control License (L)
	0910.30	-	Turmeric (curcuma):	
	0910.30.10		Neither crushed nor ground	L
	0910.30.90		Other	L

- 5. 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.
- 6. The final decision shall be made by the Controller General of Imports and Exports on any issues arising in relation to these Regulations.

7. Interpretation –

- 7.1 Approved Enterprises for the purpose of this Regulation shall mean:
 - "Any Enterprise, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on the recommendation of the Board of Investment through the Ministry in charge of the subject of board of Investment or Investment Promotion for importation of spices specified in Regulation No. 4 above, for the purpose of processing with minimum of 35% of local value addition and re-export under the 'Procedure for importation and processing of selected spices and re-export purpose in forms of oil extracts, oleoresins and spent' as approved by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated December 18, 2023 on the Memorandum No. 23/2380/631/032 dated December 06, 2023 of the Minister of Investment Promotion".

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