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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT

ORDER made by the Minister of Defence & Urban development under Subsection (2) of Section (2) in Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351), read with article 44(2) of the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,

Minister of Defence and Urban Development.

Colombo,  
01st January, 2012.

#### Order

1. Exemption granted by the Government of Sri Lanka through orders made by the Minister on a number of occasions to citizens of various countries to stay in Sri Lanka as genuine tourists or entrepreneurs for a period not exceeding one month without visa is hereby rescinded with effect from 01.01.2012.
2. However, the exemption granted to citizens of the countries which have presently granted the facility of exemption from obtaining visa to genuine tourists or entrepreneurs from Sri Lanka when entering the relevant country will continue to be effective when they enter Sri Lanka as genuine tourists or entrepreneurs.
3. The provision in regard to visas agreed upon with the Government of Sri Lanka through bilateral agreements that are presently in force in respect official and diplomatic passport holders will continue to be effective in accordance with the terms of such agreements.
4. The citizens of all countries not covered by Sections (2) and (3) above when arriving in Sri Lanka for short term visits shall enter Sri Lanka having obtained approval for visa through the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system with effect from 01.01.2012.

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