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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### EXCISE ORDINANCE

Excise Notification No. 03/2023

#### BUSINESS HOURS FOR LIQUOR LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section (1) of Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) as amended from time to time, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies do by this Order declare that business hours of the liquor licensed establishments set out in the Schedule hereto shall come into force with effect from December 09, 2023.

The Excise Notification No. 04/2021 published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2209/44 dated January 07, 2021 and the Excise Notification No. 03/2018 published in the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2054/41 dated January 18, 2018 are hereby rescinded.

**RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,**  
Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization,  
& National Policies.

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies,  
Colombo 01.  
December 08, 2023.



## SCHEDULE

<i>Column I</i>		<i>Column II</i>
	<i>Type of the License</i>	<i>Business Hours</i>
1.	Foreign Liquor Tavern	10.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m.
2.	(i) Toddy Tavern	10.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m.
	(ii) Toddy Tavern (Operate under Co-operative System)	10.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m.
3.	Retail License (FL 04)	8.00 a. m. to 10.00 p. m.
4.	Hotel License (FL 07) - Not Approved by Tourist Board	10.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m.
5.	Hotel Bar License (FL 08) - Not Approved by Tourist Board	10.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m.
6.	Hotel License (FL 07) - Approved by Tourist Board	10.00 a. m. to next day morning 2.00 (Hotels classified as 3 star or above) 10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight (Other Hotels)
7.	Hotel Bar License (FL 08) - Approved by Tourist Board	
8.	Entertainment Bar License for Cinemas (FL 09)	11.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m. (Only when the entertainment is in progress)
9.	Railway Refreshment Room License (FL 10)	11.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m.
10.	Restaurant License (FL 11) - Not Approved by Tourist Board	10.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m.
11.	Restaurant License (FL 11) - Approved by Tourist Board	10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight
12.	Rest House License (FL 12)	10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight
13.	Proprietor Club License (FL 13)	10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight
14.	Social and Recreational Clubs, Sports Clubs, Members only Clubs License (FL 13A)	10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight (Municipal Councils/Urban Councils) 11.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m. (in other areas)
15.	Beer, Ale, Stout and Wine License for Retail Sale (FL 22A)	9.00 a. m. to 9.00 p. m.
16.	Beer, Ale, Stout and Wine License for consumption in the premises (FL 22B) (for premises which are not approved by the Tourist Board)	10.00 a. m. to 11.00 p. m.
17.	Beer, Ale, Stout and Wine License for consumption in the premises (FL 22B) (for premises which are approved by the Tourist Board)	10.00 a. m. to 12.00 midnight