


GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

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 Disanayake,
Minister of Finance, Planning and
Economic Development

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,
Colombo 01.

December 01, 2025.

REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the “Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 01 of 2025”.
2. These Regulations are issued as an interim measure to expedite clearance of donated goods from overseas for those impacted by Cyclone Ditwah.
3. Notwithstanding the existing Regulations promulgated under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969, importation of goods, to be received from any foreign states (governments), organizations or persons under the authorization of the Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism and as donations in the name of (Consignee) Disaster Management Center or any Government entity will be exempted from the applicable Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations as follows, until further notice.

3.1 Director General of Customs shall release such goods that are subject to Import Control License (ICL) requirement excluding goods for which the issuance of Import Control Licenses is suspended, by the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended, without an Import Control License (ICL), from Sri Lanka Customs;

- a. Subject to approval / permit of any other applicable state organizations that are directly linked through ASYCUDA system with Sri Lanka Customs, or
 - b. In consultation with the Controller General of Imports and Exports in other instances except 3.1 (a) above.
- 3.2 Director General of Customs shall release such goods categorized under HS Codes 1006.30.19 and 1006.30.29, that are subject to Import Control License (ICL) requirement but issuance of Import Control License (ICL) is suspended by the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended, from Sri Lanka Customs.
- 3.3 Director General of Customs shall release such goods categorized under HS Codes 8467.81 (Chain saw) and 3924.10.90 (single-use plastic) that are listed as import banned by the Special Import License Regulations No. 01 of 2023, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2312/77 dated January 01, 2023, as amended, from Sri Lanka Customs.
- 3.4 Director General of Customs shall release such goods that are subject to Standardization and Quality Control Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2384/35 dated May 17, 2024, and listed out in **Schedule I** of this Gazette, without obtaining approval from the Sri Lanka Standards institution, from Sri Lanka Customs.
4. All other imports of goods to be received as donations, if not processed in accordance with Regulation No. 3 above, will be governed by the prevailing Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations.
5. The Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 01 of 2019, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2107/45 dated January 25, 2019, is hereby amended
 - 5.1 Notwithstanding the Regulation No. 3 (a) of the Imports and Exports (Control) Regulations No. 01 of 2019, referred above, importation of **unregistered (Brand-new) Ambulances** as donations or as grants exclusively for the purpose of direct usage of 1990 Suwaseriya Foundation shall be allowed for Customs Clearance without Air Bags by the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs subject to other prevailing rules and regulations applicable on importation of motor vehicles, classified under the HS Chapter 87, in terms of the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated July 09, 2024 on the Memorandum No. 24/1261/610/048 dated

June 18, 2024, titled 'Obtaining Ambulances for the 1990 Suwa Seriya Foundation as Free Grants', of the Minister of Health.

5.2 Total number of 150 unregistered (Brand-new) Ambulances shall be allowed to import under these Regulations.

5.3 Ambulances import under these Regulation shall be registered in the name of 1990 Suwaseriya Foundation and not transferable without prior approval of the Controller General of Imports and Exports.

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.

ITEMS EXCEPTED

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
01	Full Cream Milk Powder Low Fat Milk Powder Non-Fat (Skimmed) Milk Powder	SLS 731	0402.10 0402.21 0402.29
02	Condensed Milk	SLS 179	0402.99.10 0402.99.90
03	Butter	SLS 279	0405.10
04	Dairy Fat Spread	SLS 1428	0405.20 0405.90
05	Red Split Lentils	SLS 896	0713.40.12
06	Turmeric Whole & Ground	SLS 613	0910.30.10 0910.30.90
07	RBD Soya Bean Oil	SLS 293	1507.10 1507.90
08	RBD Palm Oil	SLS 720	1511.10 1511.90.20 1511.90.90
09	RBD Palm Olein	SLS 961	1511.90.30 1511.90.90
10	RBD Sunflower Seed Oil	SLS 946	1512.11 1512.19
11	Coconut Oil except Crude	SLS 32	1513.11 1513.19 1513.21 1513.29 1513.10 1513.90
12	RBD Palm Kernel Oil	SLS 862	1513.21 1513.29
13	RBD Palm Kernel Olein	SLS 1555	1513.21 1513.29
14	RBD Maize (Corn) Oil	SLS 905	1515.21 1515.29

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
15	Sesame Oil (Gingerly Oil)	SLS 231	1515.50
16	Margarine including Fat Spread and Blended Fat Spread	SLS 1427	1517.10 1517.10.30 1517.10.90
17	Canned Fish	SLS 591	1604.11 1604.12 1604.13 1604.14 1604.15 1604.16 1604.19
18	White Sugar and Icing Sugar	SLS 191	1701.99.10 1701.99.20 1701.99.90
19	Macaroni Spaghetti Vermicelli	SLS 420 Specification for Pasta Products	1902.20 1902.30
	Noodles Instant Noodles	SLS 1534 Specification for Instant Noodles	1902.11 1902.19
20	Rice Noodles (Rice Vermicelli)	SLS 858	1902.11 1902.19 1902.20 1902.30
21	Biscuits & Cookies	SLS 251	1905.31
22	Wafers	SLS 1313	1905.32
23	Jams Jellies Marmalades & Preserves	SLS 265	2007.10 2007.91 2007.99
24	Fruit Squashes Fruit Syrups Fruit Cordials	SLS 214	2009.19 2009.29 2009.39 2009.49 2009.50 2009.61 2009.69 2009.79 2009.81 2009.89 2009.90

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
25	Fruit Cordial Concentrates Fruit Squash Concentrates Fruit Syrup Concentrates	SLS730	2009.11.10 2009.11.90 2009.19 2009.29 2009.39 2009.49 2009.50 2009.69 2009.79 2009.81 2009.89 2009.90
26	Ready to Serve Fruit Drinks	SLS 729	2009.12 2009.21 2009.31 2009.41 2009.71
27	Fruit Juices and Nectars	SLS 1328	2009.50 2009.61 2009.81 2009.89 2009.90
28	Milk added drinks	SLS 917	2102.99.61 2102.99.69
29	Bottled Drinking Water	SLS 894	2201.90.10
30	Bottled Natural Mineral Water	SLS 1038	2201.10.10
31	1. Flavoured and Sweetened Carbonated Beverages 2. Carbonated water or soda water with or without permitted flavours 3. Flavoured caffeinated Beverages	SLS 183	2202.10 2202.99.30 2202.99.90
32	Non-Carbonated Synthetic / Artificial Flavoured Cordials and Beverages	SLS 221	2202.10 2202.90 2202.99.30 2202.99.90
33	Food Grade salt (Granular Form)	SLS 79	2501.00
34	Food Grade salt (powdered Form)	SLS 80	2501.00
35	Baby Colonge	SLS 589	3303.00.21

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
36	Skin Powder for Infant	SLS 187 Specification for Skin Powder for infants	3304.91
37	Toothpaste	SLS 275 Specification for Toothpaste	3306.10
38	Toilet Soap Bathing Bar	SLS 34 Specification for Toilet Soap SLS 1220 Specification for Bathing Bar	3401.11.10 3401.11.90
39	Baby Soap	SLS 547 Specification for Baby Soap	3401.11.10 3401.11.90
40	Laundry Soap	SLS 554 Specification for Laundry Soap	3401.19.10 3401.19.90
41	Synthetic Laundry Detergent Powder	SLS 760 Specification for Synthetic Laundry soap powder, Flakes	3402.20.90
42	Laundry soap powder, Flakes and chips	SLS 38 Specification for Laundry soap powder, Flakes and chips	3402.90.90
43	Safety Matches	SLS 11 Specification for Safety Matches in Box	3605.00
44	Mosquito Coil	SLS 453 Specification for Mosquito Coils	3808.59.10 3808.69.90 3808.91.90
45	Mosquito Mats	SLS 930 Specification for Mosquito Mats	3808.59.90 3808.69.90 3808.91.90
46	Crayons and pastels	SLS 777 Specification for Crayons and pastels	9609.10.30 9609.90
47	Polyethylene water storage tanks	SLS 1174 Specification for Polyethylene water storage tanks	3925.10 3925.90
48	Exercise Books	SLS 382 Specification for Exercise Books	4820.20
49	Umbrella (non- folding and folding)	SLS 1207 Specification for Umbrella Part 1 Non- folding-umbrella Part 1 folding umbrella	6601.10 6601.91 6601.99
50	Porcelain and ceramic tableware (Only Pure White)	SLS 1222 Specification for porcelain tableware	6911.10
51	Wrought Aluminium Utensils (Aluminium Tableware and Kitchenware)	SLS 69 Specification for Wrought Aluminium Utensils	7615.10.90
52	Electric Fans and Regulators	SLS 814 Specification for Electric Fans and Regulators	8414.51
53	Ballast for Tubular Fluorescent Lamps	SLS 1150 Specifications for Ballast for Tubular Fluorescent Lamps	8504.10

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
54	Primary Cells and Batteries	SLS 1198 Specification for Primary Cells and Batteries	8506.10.10 8506.10.90 8506.80
55	Electric immersion water heaters for boiling water	SLS 1193 Specification for Electric immersion water heaters	8516.10
56	Electric Hot Plates	SLS 1495 Specification for Electric grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances	8516.60
57	Electric Kettles	SLS 1501 Specification for Household And similar electrical appliances for heating liquids	8516.79.20
58	Glow starters for tubular florescent lamps	SLS 1260 Specifications for Glow starters for tubular florescent lamps	8536.50.10
59	Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes	SLS 984 Specification for Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes	8539.22
60	Self ballasted lamps for general lighting services (CFL)	SLS 1231 Specification for self ballasted lamps(integral type compact fluorescent lamps) for general lighting services	8539.31.10
61	Extension cords / portable socket outlets	SLS 734 Specification for 13A plugs, socket outlets, adaptors and connection units	8544.42.91
62	Tooth Brushes	SLS 276 Specification for Tooth Brushes	9603.21
63	Vacuum flasks	SLS 397 Specification for Vacuum ware, insulated flasks jars and jugs.	9617.00
64	Sanitary towels	SLS 111 Specification for Sanitary towels	9619.00
65	Margarine including Fat Spread, Blended Fat Spread and Bakery Fats	SLS 1102 Specifications for Bakery fats	1517.10.30 1517.10.90 1517.90

Sl. No.	Item	Sri Lanka Standard	H S Code
66	Skin Creams and Lotions for Babies	SLS 742 Specification for Skin Creams and Lotions for Babies	3304.99
67	Baby Oil	SLS 1191 Specification for Baby Oil	3304.99
68	Hair Shampoo for Babies	SLS 1342 Specification for Hair Shampoo for Babies	3305.10
69	Hair Shampoo	SLS 1346 Specification for Hair Shampoo	3305.10
70	Soft Soaps	SLS 37 Specification for Soft Soap	3401.11.30 3401.11.90
71	Carbolic Soaps	SLS 35 Specification for Carbolic Soaps	3401.19.30 3401.19.90
72	Liquid Soaps	SLS 1142 Specification for Liquid Toilet Soap	3401.20.90
73	Liquid Soap for Domestic and Industrial Purpose	SLS 1390 Specification for Liquid Soap for Domestic and industrial Purposes	3401.20.90
74	Domestic low pressure Gas Cookers for use with Liquified Petroleum Gas	SLS 451 Specification for Domestic low pressure Gas Stoves for use with Liquified Petroleum Gas	7321.11
75	Electric Rice Cookers	SLS 1501 Specification for Electric Appliance for Heating Liquids - Rice Cookers	8516.60.10
76	LED Lamps for General Lighting Service	SLS 1458 Specification for LED Lamps for General Lighting Service	8539.52