



**MONETARY BOARD
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

08 September 2021

BANKING ACT DIRECTIONS

No. 12 of 2021

MARGIN REQUIREMENTS AGAINST IMPORTS

Issued in terms of the powers conferred by Sections 46(1) and 76(J)(1) of the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988, as amended.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka, with a view to preserving the stability of the exchange rate and foreign currency liquidity in the banking system, requires licensed commercial banks (LCBs) and National Savings Bank (NSB) to adopt the following measures on imports of certain non-essential and non-urgent goods, with immediate effect until further notice.

1. A 100 per cent non-interest bearing cash margin shall be kept on the invoiced value of imports specified in Schedule A, made under Documents against Acceptance (DA) terms.
2. In the case of NSB, the margin requirements specified in Directions 1 above, shall be applicable for such imports made under Letter of Credit (LC) terms.
3. In the case of existing DAs covering the importation of goods covered by this Direction, no increase in the value of such DAs shall be permitted by LCBs and NSB unless such increase is covered by the cash margin deposits as required in Directions 1 above.
4. Such non-interest bearing cash margin shall be placed by the importer with the bank that releases documents, at the time of acceptance of documents by the importer.
5. Such non-interest bearing cash margin requirement shall be on the total value of the invoice, regardless that the same invoice includes goods that are not covered under this Directions.
6. LCBs and NSB shall endorse the invoice to the effect that the margin deposit has been obtained.
7. The margin deposit shall be released on providing documentary evidence on payments through the banking channels in Sri Lanka and customs documents relating to clearance of imports.
8. LCBs and NSB shall not grant any loan facilities to enable importers to place the margin deposits in respect of these imports.
9. The provisions of this Directions shall have effect in addition to any requirement in force for the time being and such other requirements that may be introduced in terms of any law in respect of importation of goods.

Prof. W D Lakshman

*Chairman of the Monetary Board and
Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka*

Schedule A

No.	HS code	No.	HS code	No.	HS code	No.	HS code
1	030441	33	180620	65	220510	97	34011920
2	030449	34	180631	66	220820	98	34013020
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8	04029990	40	190230	72	240210	104	401130
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14	040690	46	200979	78	33030021	110	401692
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21	08109090	53	22029951	85	330499	117	420229
22	110412	54	22029959	86	330510	118	420231
23	110419	55	22029961	87	330520	119	420232
24	110422	56	22029969	88	330530	120	420239
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Schedule A

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Schedule A

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Schedule A

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Schedule A

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இலங்கை மத்திய வங்கி
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

දේශීය මෙහෙයුම් කටයුතු දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව
உள்ளாட்டுத் தொழிற்பாட்டுத் திணைக்களம்
DOMESTIC OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

අංක 30, ජනාධිපති මාවත, කොළඹ 01, ශ්‍රී ලංකාව
இல. 30, சனாதிபதி மாவத்தை, கொழும்பு - 01, இலங்கை
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka

08 September 2021

To: All Licensed Commercial Banks

ORDER MADE BY THE MONETARY BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 103 OF THE MONETARY LAW ACT, NO. 58 OF 1949 ON MAINTAINING CASH MARGIN DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS AGAINST LETTERS OF CREDIT

1. Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) are hereby directed that with immediate effect, Letters of Credit (LCs) shall not be opened by LCBs for the importation of goods specified in the Schedule attached hereto, unless such LCs are covered by 100 per cent non-interest-bearing cash margin deposit maintained at the respective LCBs at the time of opening the LC.
2. LCBs are further directed that the following conditions shall also be applicable for the importation of goods covered by this Order.
 - a) The cash margin deposit requirements shall be on the total value of the invoice, notwithstanding the fact that the same invoice includes goods which are not covered by this Order.
 - b) In the case of existing LCs covering the importation of goods covered by this Order, no increase in the value of such LCs shall be permitted by LCBs unless such increase is covered by the cash margin deposits as required in (1) above.
 - c) LCBs shall not grant any advances to their customers for the purpose of enabling such customers to meet the minimum cash margin deposit requirement imposed by this Order.
 - d) LCBs shall endorse the relevant invoice certifying whether the cash margin deposit as per this Order has been maintained.
 - e) The margin deposit shall be released on the production of documentary evidence on payments through the banking channels in Sri Lanka and Customs documents relating to clearance of imports.
3. The provisions of this Order shall have effect in addition to any requirement in force for the time being and such other requirements that may be introduced in terms of any law in respect of importation of goods.

Dr. R A Anil Perera

Director/Domestic Operations

Schedule

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