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**All Chief Executive Officers /General Managers/Country Heads
of Commercial Banks and Specialized Banks**

Dear Sir,

Furnishing of Tax clearance Certificate to Banks and Authorized Dealers

Please be informed that the circular issued on 06.02.2014 in respect of outward remittances made by commercial banks and authorized dealers has been revised. Therefore, you are kindly requested to comply with this circular with immediate effect.

PART A

A clearance certificate is not required in relation to following remittances.

- (i) Remittance of sale proceeds of quoted shares owned by non-residents in companies resident in Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Remittance of dividend paid to non-resident shareholders by resident or non-resident companies.
- (iii) Foreign investments by residents of Sri Lanka.
- (iv) Transportation expenses in relation to freight forwarding, courier services and airline services involving the carriage of passengers and goods.
- (v) Payments to expatriate employees which include wages, salaries and other benefits which has been subjected to tax under the PAYE scheme.

- (vi) Remittances by export companies in respect of services in relation to advertising and marketing performed outside Sri Lanka.
- (vii) Remittances by export companies in respect of registration of trademarks and other legal charges in lieu of such registration incurred outside Sri Lanka.
- (viii) Remittances in relation to annual subscription for membership of professional bodies, journals, magazines and other publication.

PART B

A clearance certificate from the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue is required for the following remittances

- (i) Communication services, which includes telecommunication and internet services.
- (ii) Computer software and information services.
- (iii) Royalties, license and franchise fees.
- (iv) Remittance in respect of foreign loans, capital repayment and interest payments, if such loan has been obtained prior to 01.04.2012.
- (v) Remittances to foreign contractors engaged in public and private sector services in Sri Lanka which include design, construction and installation of projects.,
 - Contract payments
 - Surplus Funds arising from the contracts & projects.
- (vi) Remittances in respect of services rendered by persons outside Sri Lanka in relation to management services.
- (vii) Remittances on service contracts, which include Human Resources Management and Information Technology Management.

You are kindly requested to collect a copy of the Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the Inland Revenue department in respect of items listed in PART B , as a condition of approval of the above remittances in order to ensure that the remittances are made after having complied with the tax laws.

If the customer needs any information, please request him to contact:

The Commissioner
International Unit
10th floor
Inland Revenue Department
Colombo 2
Telephone 2135030

The Assessor
International Unit
10th floor
Inland Revenue Department
Colombo 2
Telephone 2135032

Clearance Certificate will be issued within 24 hours by the International Unit subject to the provision of necessary documents.

Please advise the remitter to meet any of the above officers together with a request letter, the details of the sender, receiver of the payment, amount, the purpose, copy of the invoice, a copy of the agreement and/or any other proof to enable the officers to verify the transaction relation to the outward remittance.

Yours faithfully,

M. Samarasekera

Mallika Samarasekera
Commissioner General of Inland Revenue

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Copies to :

1. Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Planning
 2. Controller of Exchange, Department of Exchange Control
 3. Director, Banks Supervision Branch
 4. Secretary , Sri Lanka Banks' Association (Guarantee) Limited
 5. Auditor General , Auditor General's Department
- } for circulation to all commercial banks and authorized dealers.