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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

THE COLOMBO PORT CITY ECONOMIC COMMISSION ACT, No. 11 OF 2021

#### Order under Section 53

BY VIRTUE of the powers vested in me by Section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021, I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Investment Promotion, having considered the recommendations of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission and upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, do by this Order specify that-

- the Cabinet of Ministers, by its decision No. 24/1315/631/034 dated, July 09, 2024 has approved the designation of the business of the authorised person specified in Schedule I hereto as a Business Strategic Importance - Duty Free Retail Operations;
- the rationale for considering such business as a Business of Strategic Importance Duty Free Retail Operations is as specified in Schedule II hereto;
- the exemptions or incentives granted under the enactments shall be as specified in Schedule III hereto; and
- the exemptions or incentives granted under the enactments specified shall commence and cease to be operative on the dates specified in Schedule IV hereto.

**RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,**  
Minister of Investment Promotion.

Colombo,  
July 19, 2024.



## SCHEDULE I

**Details of the business designated as a Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Retail Operations**

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| 1 . Name of the Authorised Person                      | ODF PTE LTD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2 . Licence No.                                        | 2303310006                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3 . Licence Issued Date                                | May 17, 2023<br>Business commencement date shall be within 6 months from the issuance of Licence (vide Regulation 27 of the Regulations for Registration, Licensing, Authorisation and other Approvals of Authorised Persons No. 01 of 2022)                                                                    |
| 4 . Offshore Company Registration No.                  | PCC 00274746                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5 . Classification of Business of Strategic Importance | Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Retail Operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6 . Entitlement to the Exemptions or Incentives        | ODF PTE LTD is designated only as a Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Retail Operations and not eligible to be designated as a Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Mall Operations or Secondary or Primary Business of Strategic Importance.                                                |
| 7 . Eligibility Criteria                               | Criteria specified in Regulations 2(3)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Colombo Port City (Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Operations) Regulations, No. 1 of 2024, published in the <i>Gazette Extraordinary</i> No. 2381/24 of April 22, 2024 |
| 8 . Exemption or Incentive Scheme Applicable           | Scheme specified in Regulation 3 of the Colombo Port City (Guidelines on the Grant of Exemptions or Incentives to Businesses of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Operations) Regulations, No. 01 of 2024.                                                                                                       |

## SCHEDULE II

### Rationale for the consideration of the Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Retail Operations

The objectives of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission, as stated in Section 5 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021 have been considered in designating the business as Business of Strategic Importance - Duty Free Mall Operations in order to ensure the success of establishing the Colombo Port City, having regard to the national interest or in the advancement of the national economy as stated in Section 53(5) of the said Act.

ODF PTE LTD is a company incorporated in Singapore which specialises in Duty Free retail and affiliated to FY Group. ODF PTE LTD is scheduled to manage the Duty-Free mall at the Singapore Flyer, a prominent tourist destination, covering an expansive 8700 square meters of retail space.

ODF PTE LTD with a foreign Direct Investment of USD 5.3 million and the recruitment of over 50 employees is to start operations in Port City downtown. With access to multiple suppliers and branded agencies, ODF PTE LTD will infuse a range of premium luxury brands, and adopt the use of pioneering digital retail technology, such as augmented reality promotions for its duty-free retail operations in the Colombo Port City, which will be the first of its kind in Sri Lanka. Augmented reality in the retail industry are interactive experiences that combine the real world and computer-generated content. the content can span multiple sensory modalities such as visuals, auditory, olfactory.

## SCHEDULE III

### Exemptions or Incentives Granted under the Enactments

| <i>Enactments listed under Schedule II of the Act</i> | <i>Exemptions or incentives granted</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1 . Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017                | (a) All income, profits, and dividends distributed shall be exempted from all taxes prescribed under this Act;<br>(b) All payments made shall be exempted from Withholding Tax specified under this Act;                                                                                   |
| 2 . Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002               | (a) All imports and local purchases of business-related goods and services as approved by the Commission.<br>(b) The sale of Permitted goods as per the Government Gazette Notification No. 2381/24 dated April 22, 2024. shall be exempt from taxes prescribed under this Act.            |
| 3 . Finance Act, No. 11 of 2002                       | Exemption from all the provisions of this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4 . Finance Act, No. 5 of 2005                        | Exemption from all the provisions of this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5 . Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989   | (a) All imports and local purchases of business-related goods as approved by the Commission.<br>(b) The sale of Permitted goods as per the Government Gazette Notification No. 2381/24 dated April 22, 2024. shall be exempted from all taxes, duties and levies prescribe under this Act. |

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| 6 . Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)                                                | <p>(a) All imports and local purchase of business related goods as approved by the Commission.</p> <p>(b) The sale of Permitted goods as per the <i>Government Gazette</i> Notification No. 2381/24 dated April 22, 2024</p> <p>shall be exempt from all taxes, duties and levies prescribe under this Act.</p>   |
| 7 . Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011                        | <p>(a) All imports and local purchase of business related goods as approved by the Commission.</p> <p>(b) The sale of Permitted goods as per the <i>Government Gazette</i> Notification No. 2381/24 dated April 22, 2024</p> <p>shall be exempt from all taxes, duties and levies prescribe under this Act.</p>   |
| 8 . Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979                               | <p>(a) All imports and local purchase of business related goods as approved by the Commission.</p> <p>(b) The sale of Permitted goods as per the <i>Government Gazette</i> Notification No. 2381/24 dated April 22, 2024</p> <p>shall be exempted from all taxes, duties and levies prescribe under this Act.</p> |
| 9 . Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988                                    | No exemptions or incentives granted under this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10 . Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) Act, No. 45 of 1971 | Exemption from all the provisions of this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11 . Entertainment Tax Ordinance (Chapter 267)                                     | No exemptions or incentives granted under this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12 . Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017                                          | Exemption from all the provisions of this Act excluding the Foreign Exchange (Investments in Colombo Port City) Regulations No. 1 of 2022, published in the <i>Gazette Extraordinary</i> No. 2282/59 of June 03, 2022                                                                                             |
| 13 . Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010                              | no exemptions or incentives granted under this Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| SCHEDULE IV                                                                       |                             |                       |
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| Period of validity of exemptions or incentives granted                            |                             |                       |
| <i>Enactments listed under Schedule II of the Act</i>                             | <i>Date of commencement</i> | <i>Date of expiry</i> |
| 1. Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017                                             | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 2. Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002                                            | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 3. Finance Act, No. 11 of 2002                                                    | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 4. Finance Act, No. 5 of 2005                                                     | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 5. Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989                                | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 6. Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235)                                                | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 7. Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011                        | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 8. Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979                               | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 9. Betting and Gaming Levy Act, No. 40 of 1988                                    | Not applicable              | Not applicable        |
| 10. Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) Act, No. 45 of 1971 | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 11. Entertainment Tax Ordinance (Chapter 267)                                     | Not applicable              | Not applicable        |
| 12. Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017                                          | July 19, 2024               | July 18, 2044         |
| 13. Casino Business (Regulation) Act, No. 17 of 2010                              | Not applicable              | Not applicable        |

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