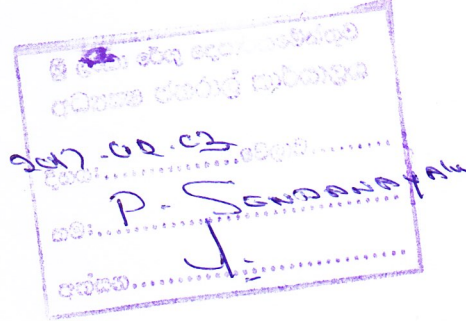


Date: 03rd February 2017

Mr. Chulananda Perera,
Director General of Customs,
Sri Lanka Customs ,
No 40,
Main Street,
Colombo 11.



Dear Sir,

Requesting Information as per the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016

In accordance with the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, we hereby request access to (or a copy of) all records related to the following:

1. What is the procedure followed when a shipment/consignment arrives at the Sri Lanka airport?
2. Which rank of officers are in charge of taxation of goods?
3. A list of the names of officials currently in charge of imposing taxes.
4. The internal regulations when imposing taxes.
5. What is the procedure followed when unpacking/checking goods that arrive?
6. What procedure is followed when testing goods that arrive?
7. On what basis can Sri Lanka Customs confiscate goods?
8. The internal procedure followed when confiscating goods.
9. The names of officials currently in charge of confiscating goods.

We would like to be informed of the amount of fees payable by us in order to obtain this information.

Our details are as follows:

Name: Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL)

Address: No. 5/1, Elibank Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

Telephone number: 0114369781/ 0114369782

We would like to obtain this information in the form of a written document with certification as per Section 27 (3) (c) of the Act, for the period from 2012 to 2016.

We expect to receive a response as soon as possible, pursuant to the time durations provided under Sections 24(4) and 25 (1)(2) of the 2016 Act.

If our request for information is denied we would kindly prefer to receive a written justification explaining why it was so denied.

Please note that this letter is sent to you as we were unable to obtain the name of the Information Officer at your office appointed under the Right to Information Act.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Asoka Obeyesekere

Executive Director

Transparency International Sri Lanka



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சங்க இல்லம், இல. 40, பிரதான வீதி, கொழும்பு 11.
Customs House, No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11.

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Executive Director
Transparency International
Sri Lanka

Dear Sir,

Requesting Information as per the Right to Information Act No.12 of 2016

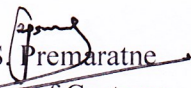
I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 03rd February 2017 on the above subject.

As you aware, provision of information under the Information Act No. 12 of 2016 came into effect on 03.02.2017 and Sri Lanka Customs is yet to decide on the fees to be recovered for the respective document issued. This department will be providing the requested information once the fees to be recovered are finalized.

Any further clarification in this regard, kindly contact Mr. H.W. Dissanayaka, Deputy Director of Customs on 0112445146 or me on 0112221510, e-mail ddeppnr@customs.gov.lk.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,


H.M.S. Premaratne
Director of Customs
Policy, Planning and Research Directorate
for Director General of Customs

 **H.M.S. Premarathna**
Director of Customs
Sri Lanka Customs
Colombo

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Appeal to the Designated Officer

Designated Officer,

Mr. Chulananda Perera
Director General of Customs
Public Authority: Sri Lanka Customs

Appeal Form

1. **Name of Person Appealing :** Transparency International Sri Lanka
2. **Address :** 5/1, Elibank Road, Colombo 05
3. **Contact Number (if any):** +94114369781 / +94114369782 / +94114369783
Fax Number : +94112501707
4. **Email Address (if any):** ed@tisrilanka.org
5. **Date request made to Information Officer :** 03rd February 2017
Registration Number : PP&R/OIC/2016/11A
6. **Did you receive a reply from the Information Officer ? Yes/No :** No. (Refer question no. 10)
7. **Grounds for Appeal:**
 - i. The Information Officer refuses a request made for information
 - ii. Information Officer refuses access to the information on the ground that such information is exempted from being granted under Section 5
 - iii. **Non -compliance with time frames specified in the Act**
 - iv. The Information Officer granted incomplete, misleading or false information
 - v. The Information Officer charged excessive fees
 - vi. The Information Officer refused to provide information in the form requested
 - vii. The requestor has reasonable grounds to believe that information has been deformed, destroyed or misplaced to prevent the requestor from having access to the information

Details:

Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) submitted and received an acknowledgement for our request for information to the Sri Lanka Customs on 03rd February 2017. The request was acknowledged by the Director General's Office (in accordance with s. 23 (1) (b) RTI Act 2016. We received a response from Mr. H. M. S. Premaratne, the Director of Customs in the letter dated 09th February 2017 stating that the requested information would be provided, but that time was needed to ascertain the fee to be charged. This period lapsed on 27th February 2017. We therefore appeal to the Designated Officer to provide the information requested.

8. Brief description of information requested:

- a) Procedures followed when a shipment/consignment arrives at the Sri Lanka airport
- b) Rank of officer in charge of taxation of goods
- c) List of names of officials currently in charge of imposing taxes
- d) Internal regulations when imposing taxes
- e) Procedure followed when unpacking/checking goods that arrive
- f) Procedure followed when testing good that arrive
- g) Basis for confiscating goods by the Sri Lanka Customs
- h) Internal procedure followed in confiscating goods
- i) Names of officers in charge of confiscating goods

(Please find a copy of the request attached herewith)

9. If Appeal has not been submitted within the specified time period, cause of delay [s. 31(5)]:

N/A

10. Any other details:

Following our initial meeting on 03rd February 2017, we have been unable to contact the Information Officer of Sri Lanka Customs Mr. H. W. Dissanayaka, Deputy Director of Customs. Therefore, we have been in contact with Mr. H. M. S. Premaratne, Director of Customs. The response received in terms of the letter dated 09th February 2017 was also sent by Mr. H. M. S. Premaratne.

Date: 10 / 3 / 17

Signature:


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S.C. Asoka Obeyesekere
Executive Director
Transparency International Sri Lanka.