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Heads of State Corporations, Statutory Boards, State Banks, Universities and Higher Education Institutions, and
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Implementation of the provisions of the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024

Enactment of a robust Public Financial Management Law has been a long felt need in the country for several decades, and with the purpose of addressing this persistent requirement, the government has taken action to enact the Public Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024.

02. Whilst the Act provides for an overarching solid and strictly enforceable legal framework which encompasses multitude of aspects of public financial management aimed at enhancing the financial discipline, transparency, commitment, efficiency and economy in relation to areas such as fiscal responsibility and public investment in particular. In addition, the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 03 of 2003, and Sections 08 and 14 of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971, which were in force, have been repealed and respective provisions have been incorporated into this Public Financial Management Act.

03. In terms of the Section 3 of this Act, its directives are applicable to the following Public Entities and Chief Accounting Officers, Accounting Officers or Competent Authorities as well as the officers and employees of the public institutions to whom power of duty have been conferred, delegated or assigned under this Act.

- Ministries, Departments, District Secretariats of the Government and Special Spending Units (Budgetary Entities)
- Statutory Funds and Trusts to which public finances are allocated
- State Owned Enterprises and
- Provincial Councils, Provincial Ministries, Provincial Departments, other institutions functioning under the Provincial Councils and Local Authorities in terms of the relevant written laws

04. In terms of the Sections 67 and 68 of the Public Financial Management Act, the regulations applicable to the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be published by the Minister of Finance through a gazette notification, and the approval of Parliament shall be obtained. Furthermore, the Secretary to the Treasury will, from time to time, issue such other orders and guidelines as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

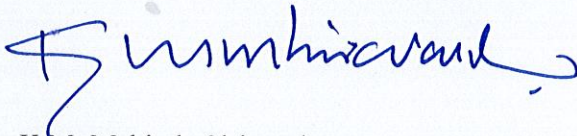
05. However, in terms of Subsection 67 (6) of the Public Financial Management Act, until the said regulations, instructions and directives are framed,

- (a) Financial Regulations of the Government published in the year 1992;
- (b) Circulars issued by the Secretary to the President, Secretary to the Treasury, and the Heads of Departments of the General Treasury; and
- (c) Circulars issued by Secretaries of Ministries with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers;

shall continue to be in force, until they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

06. Accordingly, as it is mandatory for all public officials and public entities outlined under paragraph 3 of this letter to strictly adhere to the directives of the Public Financial Management Act, I kindly request you to take necessary action to make them aware of this requirement.

07. The Public Finance Management Act No. 44 of 2024 is available for download on the official website of the Department of Government Printing at <http://www.documents.gov.lk/en/acts.php> or the official website of the General Treasury at <https://www.treasury.gov.lk/web/public-financial-management-act>. Meantime for any further clarification in this regard, you may contact the Additional Director General of the Public Finance Department on 0112-484618.



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