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Management of Public Expenditure and Maintenance of Financial Discipline

Recent revisions made to the Tax Policy with the aim of providing relief to the general public and revitalizing the economy are already being implemented. Considering the changes to the tax structure, H.E. the President has urged the line Ministries and Agencies to curtail all non-essential and non-priority expenditure including those spent on vehicles, travel, building, facilities etc. to prudently manage the expenditure of all the spending agencies and the Cabinet of Ministers has also endorsed the same.

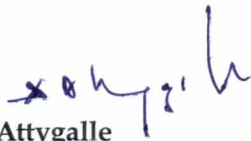
02. The Chief Accounting Officers (CAO) and Accounting Officers (AO) are responsible for ensuring that proper expenditure control measures are in place and that such measures are effective in reducing expenditure. In this context, CAO/AO should prepare appropriate control criteria in order to ensure proper expenditure control especially over the usage of electricity and water, telephone communication services, procurement of stationery and office equipment, domestic and foreign travel. Such criteria must be e-mailed to Director General, Department of National Budget (dgnb@nbd.treasury.gov.lk) for concurrence with a copy to Director General, Department of Management Audit (dgma@dma.treasury.gov.lk) on or before 10th December 2019. Attention is also drawn to National Budget Circular No. 4/2019 on strengthening the prudence in public expenditure in this regard.

03. Director General, Department of Management Audit will monitor the implementation based on the finalized control criteria of this circular. In each spending agency, a specific officer should be entrusted with the task of monitoring of implementation of the criteria and the said officer should coordinate with the Department of Management Audit and Department of National Budget.

04. Similarly, new vehicles and office equipment should not be purchased and buildings should not be rented. However, purchasing of utility vehicles such as garbage compactors, tractors will be considered on case by case basis by the General Treasury. Every possible effort should be taken to utilize available resources of spending agencies to avoid idle facilities cost.

05. Moneys from the Consolidated Fund or any other statutory fund should not be utilized for the printing of Diaries and Calendars for the year 2020.

06. It is emphasized that all the Chief Accounting Officers and Accounting Officers adhere to the above instructions and extend the fullest cooperation to the government initiative of economic revival while maintaining an efficient expenditure control and financial discipline.



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