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THE UNITED NATIONS ACT, No. 45 OF 1968

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism under Section 2 of the United Nations Act, No. 45 of 1968.

H. M. VIJITHA HERATH,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Employment and Tourism.

Colombo 01,
09th October 2026.

Regulations

The United Nations Regulations No. 1 of 2012 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1758/19 of May 15, 2012 is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in regulation 5 –

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that regulation and the substitution thereof of the following paragraph:-

“(1) No person shall deal with any funds, other financial assets or economic resources belonging to, or are wholly or jointly owned, held or controlled by a designated natural or legal person, group or entity, or any other person, group or entity for and on behalf of, or at the direction



of, such designated natural or legal person, group or entity. Such funds, other financial assets and economic resources shall remain frozen as long as such natural or legal person, group or entity is designated:

Provided however, that any person may credit a frozen account with interest or other earnings due on the account or payments due under contracts, agreements or obligations that were concluded or arose before the account became frozen or other funds transferred by a third party to the account, as long as the funds so credited are also frozen.”;

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (3) of that regulation and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph: -

“(3) No person shall at any stage prior to the designation, notify or permit or cause notice to be given to the person, group or entity that funds, other financial assets and economic resources of such person, group or entity may be frozen, whereby access to such funds, other financial assets and economic resources would thereupon be prohibited:

Provided however, that the Competent Authority shall cause a notice to be given to such person, group or entity once such funds, other financial assets and economic resources have been frozen.”;

(c) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (3) of that regulation, of the following new paragraphs: -

“(3A) (a) Any person holding funds, other financial assets and economic resources, which are subject to a freeze under paragraph (1), pursuant to an obligation under these regulations, shall take all reasonable efforts, after the freeze has been effected, to provide notification to the person whose funds, other financial assets or economic resources have been frozen of such freeze and the procedures available to seek a lifting of the freeze.

(b) The person holding the funds shall also provide immediate notification to the Financial Intelligence Unit. The Financial Intelligence Unit shall immediately inform the Competent Authority of such fact.

(c) The notification under subparagraph (a) shall be made to the legal domicile of the affected person within two weeks of such freezing.

(d) If the person affected by the freeze is domiciled outside Sri Lanka, the notification of the freeze shall be provided, through a request to the Competent Authority, to the Government of the country in which the affected person is domiciled with a request that service be made.”;

(d) by the substitution, in paragraph (4) of that regulation, for the words “effect of an order of freezing”, of the words, “effect of the freeze”;

(2) in regulation 6, by the substitution, in paragraph (2) of that regulation, for the words “subject to an order of freezing”, of the words, “subject to a freeze”;

(3) in regulation 8, by the substitution, in paragraph (4) of that regulation, for the words “by the order of freezing”, of the words, “by the freeze”;

(4) in regulation 9 -

(a) by the substitution, in item (i) of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of that regulation, for the words “funds, freezing actions and”, of the words, “funds, freeze and”;

(b) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (2) of that regulation, of the following paragraph: -

“(3) (a) A person who holds an asset which he or she suspects is, or may be, owned, controlled or held on behalf of, or at the direction of, a designated person or entity may make a request in writing to the Competent Authority with a copy to the Financial Intelligence Unit, to verify that suspicion.

(b) The request shall be accompanied by details of the asset and the owner or controller of the asset as known to the person making the request.

(c) The Competent Authority shall use their best endeavours to assist a person who has made a request under paragraph (a).

(d) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a request under paragraph (a), the Competent Authority or the Financial Intelligence Unit, shall respond in writing stating that –

(i) it is likely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity;

(ii) it is unlikely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity; or

(iii) it is unknown whether the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity.”;

(5) by the repeal of regulation 11 and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

“11. (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 5, sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of regulation 5 or paragraph (4) of regulation 5 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees one hundred million or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of paragraph (8) of regulation 4, sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of regulation 5 or paragraph (3) of regulation 5 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees fifty million or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements set out in paragraph (3A) of regulation 5 or sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of regulation 9 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees twenty five million or to both such imprisonment and fine.”;

(6) in regulation 13 –

(a) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of the expression “controlling a legal person, group or entity”, of the following definition: -

““entity” includes any incorporated or unincorporated body, group, association, organization, institution or arrangement;”;

(b) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of the expression “owning a legal person, group or entity”, of the following definition: -

““person” includes any natural or legal person whether it has legal personality or not, and shall include a branch of such legal person incorporated or established in or outside Sri Lanka;”.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Employment and Tourism.

Colombo,
09th October 2026.

Regulations

The United Nations Regulations No. 2 of 2012 published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1760/40 of May 31, 2012 is hereby amended as follows: -

- (1) in regulation 2, by the substitution for the words “Afghan faction”, of the words “Afghan fraction”;
- (2) in regulation 9, by the repeal of paragraph (1) of that regulation and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph: -

“(1) The Competent Authority may, after providing notification to the Sanctions Committee of his intention to do so and complying with the Sanctions Committee’s requirements, grant a specific authorization to lift a prohibition in regulations 5 or 6 so that specific funds may be released or assets may be made available as necessary for basic expenses including the payment of certain types of fees, expenses and service charges, or for extraordinary expenses, in accordance with the procedures set out in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1452 and decide on the conditions appropriate with respect to such authorization.”;

- (3) in regulation 12, by the addition immediately after paragraph (2) of that regulation, of the following paragraph: -

“(3) (a) A person who holds an asset which he or she suspects that such asset is, or may be, owned, controlled or held on behalf of, or at the direction of, a designated person or entity may make a request in writing to the Competent Authority with a copy to the Financial Intelligence Unit, to verify that suspicion.

(b) The request shall be accompanied by details of the asset and the owner or controller of the asset as known to the person making the request.

(c) The Competent Authority shall use their best endeavours to assist a person who has made a request under paragraph (a).

(d) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a request under paragraph (a), the Competent Authority or the Financial Intelligence Unit, shall respond in writing stating that –

- (i) it is likely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity;
- (ii) it is unlikely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity; or

(iii) it is unknown whether the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity.”;

(4) by the repeal of regulation 15 and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

“15. (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of regulation 5 or 6 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees one hundred million or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements set out in regulation 12 or 13 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees twenty five million or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of regulation 14 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by the High Court, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding rupees fifty million or to both such imprisonment and fine.”;

(5) in regulation 17 –

(a) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “entity” and the substitution therefor of the following definition: -

““entity” includes any incorporated or unincorporated body, group, association, organization, institution or arrangement;” and

(b) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “person”, and the substitution therefor of the following definition: -

““person” includes any natural or legal person whether it has legal personality or not and shall include a branch of such legal person incorporated or established in or outside Sri Lanka;”.

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Foreign Employment and Tourism.

Colombo,
09th October 2026.

Regulations

The United Nations (Sanctions in relation to Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulations of 2017 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2039/32 of October 6, 2017 is hereby amended as follows: -

(1) by the insertion, immediately after regulation 2, of the following new regulation: -

“(2A) The objective of these regulations is to enable the Government of Sri Lanka to implement sanctions relating to the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery constituting a threat to international peace and security, giving effect to Resolutions 1718 (2006) of the United Nations Security Council, and any subsequent resolutions, related to Democratic People's Republic of Korea.”;

(2) in regulation 19, by the substitution, in paragraph (4) of that regulation, for the words and figures “paragraph (2),” and “designated items and designated luxury items”, of the words and figures “paragraph (3),” and “designated persons and designated entities” respectively;

(3) in regulation 28, by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (2) of that regulation, of the following paragraph: -

“(3) (a) A person who holds an asset which he or she suspects is, or may be, owned, controlled or held on behalf of, or at the direction of, a designated person or entity may make a request in writing to the Competent Authority with a copy to the Financial Intelligence Unit, to verify that suspicion.

(b) The request shall be accompanied by details of the asset and the owner or controller of the asset as known to the person making the request.

(c) The Competent Authority shall use their best endeavours to assist a person who has made a request under paragraph (a).

(d) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a request under paragraph (a), the Competent Authority or the Financial Intelligence Unit, shall respond in writing stating that –

(i) it is likely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity;

(ii) it is unlikely that the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity; or

(iii) it is unknown whether the property is owned or controlled by a designated person or entity.”; and

(4) in regulation 37, by the repeal of the definition of the expression “person” and the substitution therefor of the following definition: -

““person” includes any natural or legal person whether it has legal personality or not and shall include a branch of such legal person incorporated or established in or outside Sri Lanka;”.

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