



**CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA
BANK SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT**

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CIRCULAR

No. 05 of 2019

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON
OPENING OF LETTERS OF CREDIT (LCs) FOR IMPORTATION OF MOTOR
VEHICLES UNDER PERMITS ON CONCESSIONARY TERMS**

1. Licensed commercial banks and licensed specialised banks are informed of the removal of restrictions on the opening of LCs for importation of motor vehicles under the permits on concessionary terms as follows:
 - (a) Permits issued for importation of motor vehicles in terms of P.A. Circular No. 22/99, LCs may be opened on or after:
 - (i) 01.05.2019 for permits issued on or before 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) 01.06.2019 for permits issued in any date.
 - (b) Permits issued for importation/ purchase of motor vehicles in terms of Trade and Investment Policy Circular No. 01/2018 and subsequent amendments and officers appointed to Sri Lanka Mission/ Posts abroad, LCs may be opened on or after:
 - (i) 01.06.2019 for permits issued on or before 30.09.2018;
 - (ii) 01.07.2019 for permits issued on or before 30.11.2018;
 - (iii) 01.08.2019 for permits issued on or before 28.02.2019;
 - (iv) 01.09.2019 for permits issued on or before 30.06.2019;
 - (v) 01.10.2019 for permits issued in any date.
2. Direction No. 2 of the Banking Act Directions No. 06 of 2018 dated 28.09.2018 on Measures to Curtail imports of Motor Vehicles is withdrawn by Banking Act Direction No. 02 of 2019 dated 18 April 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JP Gamalath'.

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