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**Amendments of the Procurement Guidelines**

Your kind attention is drawn to the following Public Finance Circulars.

- Circular No. 3/2020 dated 09.10.2020
- Circular No. 3/2020 (i) dated 11.01.2021
- Circular No. 4/2020 dated 09.11.2020
- Circular No. 4/2016 (i) dated 30.09.2016
- Circular No. 4/2016 (ii) dated 08.05.2019
- Circular No. 4/2016 (iii) dated 18.02.2021

02. Since the issuance of foregoing circulars, it is observed that the intended purpose of those circulars of supporting certain identified domestic manufacturing sectors have failed to deliver the desired results and has led to certain market failures. As a result, prevalence of the said circulars has adversely affected the majority of the suppliers of the goods and services. In particular, the broader participation of bidders has been restricted. In view of the situation, the approval has been granted by the Cabinet of Ministers vide its decision dated 05.02.2024 to revoke the following circulars;

- I. Public Finance Circular No. 3/2020 and 3/2020(i) on the clustering of grades and the preference given to Domestic Firms offering local value addition in the Software and Hardware Industry and the Furniture & Allied Products Industry.
- II. Public Finance Circular No.4/2020 on the preference granted to State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

03. Accordingly, you are kindly informed that the Public Finance Circular Nos. 3/2020, 3/2020 (i) and 4/2020 are hereby revoked with immediate effect.

04. In relation to the procurement of works from regional contractors using domestic funds not exceeding Rs.50 million, the provisions stated in Public Finance Circular Nos. 4/2016 (i), 4/2016 (ii), and 4/2016 (iii) shall remain applicable.

05. Further, preference given to the local bidders who participate in supply contracts under domestic funds through the provisions 7.9.4, 7.9.5 and 7.9.6 of the Procurement Guidelines and subsequently issued circulars will remain valid.

06. For any further clarification, you may contact the Procurement Division of the Public Finance Department on 011 2484987 or 0112 484805.



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