

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - 2016
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

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	Trade Policy																		
	Tariff Policy on Bilateral, Plurilateral and Multilateral Trade Agreements																		
1.	Review and resolving Tariff Policy Issues			5.0	Jan	Dec	0.5	0.5	2.0	2.0	25	50	75	100					
	i. India - Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA)	Enter into new free trade agreements	Implementation of Trade Liberalization Program Review of Sensitive List Addressing trade policy related issues under the agreements		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Revised Negative List	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached	
	ii. Pakistan - Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA)	Maximize the benefits reciprocally penetrate and expand the market access by liberalizing their tariff structure through the negotiations by considering the impact of local production and allows tariff free starters to enter foreign market by producing local industries			Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of Tariff Policy issues solved No of new measures introduced		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		
	iii. Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)				Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Rate of Market growth for Sri Lanka's exports		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		
	iv. SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services				Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Amending revenue increased from Exports under the FTAs and PTAs		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		

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	v.South Asia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)	Comply with the obligations of Sri Lanka under the existing agreements reciprocally	Implementation of Positive & Negative list of the trading services		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Implementation of Tariff Liberalization Program	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached		
	vi. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi - Sectoral Technical & Economic Co-operation (BIMSTEC)				Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100			No. of FTA Negotiations		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	
	vii. Proposed China - Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement		Development tariff liberalization program for proposed Agreements within the context of existing and forecasted bilateral trade	Finalizing the Agreement based on the recommendation		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100		Finalization of List of Tariff Liberalization Program		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	
	viii. Proposed FTAs with US and Japan			Conducting preliminary dictation		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100		No of Trade Negotiations		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	
	Viii. Proposed Economic and Technology Agreement with India											20	55	60	100		Trade Flow Matrix Compiled List of 50 Major Imports / Exports Products.			

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02	Common Negative List	Introduce a tariff modality by considering the locally producing products and which have possibility to produce in future Base on the tariff modality Common List of Negative List is prepared having consultations with all relevant stakeholders	Preparing National Negative List		Feb	Nov					20	50	80	100	National Negative List provided	Dep.of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached		
03	Joint Trade Committee	Facilitating to increase trade volume bilaterally with partner countries	Solving tariff policy related issues including Customs matters with respective countries		Jan	Dec					20	50	80	100	No of Trade Committee Meetings held No of Tariff Policy issues solved		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)			
04	Observations on Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)	Analyzing reciprocity in costs and benefits	Contribution to the image building internationally Improving bilateral / regional / international relationships		Jan	Dec					20	40	70	100	No. of observations provided		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)			

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05	Formulation a Policy on Assembling Motor Vehicle Industry in Sri Lanka	Developing vehicle assembling Saving foreign exchange	Stake holder consultations		Mar	Oct					25	60	85	100	Draft Policy completed	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached	
06	Formulation a Policy on Importation of Motor Vehicles	Promote environmental friendly vehicle importation Quality assurance	Approve the Policy		Jan	Dec					25	50	80	100	Draft Policy completed		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		
07	Business Friendly Tariff Policy for National Development	Creating level playing field of both importers' and local manufactures' through a proper tariff system	Resolving tariff issues of Importers, Exporters & Investors		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of resolved tariff issues		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		
08	Revenue Protection Order for implementation of Budget Proposals on Trade and Investment Activities	Revising and publishing the tariff rates and exemptions	Issuance of Gazette Notifications on Revenue Protection Order Obtain Parliamentary approval for Revenue Protection Order		Jan	Dec					85	90	95	100	Obtained approval of the Parliament for issued Revenue Projection Order in 2016 Quarterly Revenue received from Customs Duties		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		

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09	Implementation of Special Commodity Levy Act	Protection of consumers and local farmers	Issuance of Gazette Notification on Revenue Protection Order Obtain Parliamentary Approval for Revenue Protection Order		Jan	Dec					70	80	90	100	Obtained approval of the Parliament for Issued Special Commodity Levy in 2016 Quarterly Revenue received from Customs Duties	Dep.of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached		
10	Implementation of 19 A Waivers and Exemption under the Customs Ordinance	Facilitating the national interest and economic development through duty concessions	Getting approval to the exemptions and concessions		Jan	Dec					30	60	90	100	No. of Duty Waivers granted Value of DutyWaivers granted		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)			
11	Preparation of observations on the Cabinet Memoranda	To give Finance Ministry's view with the micro Economic situation	Preparation of observations on the Cabinet Memoranda		Jan	Dec					70	80	90	100	No. of prepared Observations		ADG D(C) D(V) D(D)			

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12	Preparation of Answers for Parliamentary Questions	Answering without delay	Preparation of Answers for Parliamentary Questions		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of answered Parliamentary Questions	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(D) AD(S)	Attached	
13	Facilitating Customs Administration	Issuance of Gazette Notifications under the Customs Ordinance	Streamlining Customs Administration Curbing revenue lost at the point of Customs Execution of external obligations		Jan	Dec					20	40	60	100	No. of Orders issued in 2016		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		
14	Granting approval to release goods under provisional entry basis	Promoting tax income at the same time considering country economical and environmental issues	Obtaining observation from the Department of National Budget Issuing approval letter to DG / Customs to release goods		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of approvals granted		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)		

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15	Act on appeals produced Hon. Minister of Finance under the sections 164 & 165 of the Customs Ordinance	Case analysis within the legal provisions to cope with the appeal	Obtaining necessary clarifications Preparation of reports Obtaining the approval of Hon. Minister of Finance Make aware the relevant parties accordingly		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of appeals completed	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)	Attached		
16	Granting approvals for imported goods on re-export basis for the Special Development Projects	To promote our country income through the Special Projects using locally produced goods	Granting approval on the Section 22 of the Customs Ordinance		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of approvals granted		D(V) AD(JM) AD (O)			
17	Obtaining approval for bonded ware houses and duty free shops	Compliance to the customs ordinance Current lows issued regarding BWH's and with the consideration of the Government revenue	Reviewing the requests Submitting for Hon. Minister's approval Make aware the relevant parties accordingly		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of approvals granted		D(D) AD(R)			
18	Trade Facilitation Forum including Ease of Doing Business Forums	Application of Tariff Policy as a tool for trade facilitation	Promote expansion of trade and investment		Jan	Dec					20	40	60	100	No of Forums attended No of Issues resolved		D(V) AD(JM) AD(OW)			

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Investment																			
19	Activities related to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	focuses on FDI promotion projects	Formulating policies on Foreign Direct Investment		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of policies introduced for identified areas	Dep.of Trade and Investment Policy	D(D) AD(T)	Attached	
20	Activities related to Outward Investment	Compliance in the Exchange Control Act and current laws Reviewing recommendations by CBSL	Providing appropriate instructions to BOI and Investors for their requests and problems Reviewing recommendations submitted by the CBSL		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No of Problems solved No of Investments made and value		D(D) AD(T)		
21	Activities related to Banking and Financial sector	Compliance to the Banking Acts and current laws Reviewing recommendation by the CBSL	Reviewing recommendations submitted by the CBSL submitting observations for approval		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No of approvals submitted		D(D) AD(E)		

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22	Attending for Exchange Control matters	Compliance to the Exchange Control Act and appeals on penalty imposed by the CBSL Reviewing recommendations made by CBSL	Study and submission of appeals on penalty imposed by the CBSL on violation of Exchange Control Act to the Hon. Minister of Finance		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of appeals submitted	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(D) AD(T)	Attached		
23	SAARC Development Fund (SDF)	According to the rules and regulations on SDF and the decisions taken in the meetings	Project Co - ordination and taking follow up actions		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Progress review meetings held		D(D) AD(RW)			
24	Activities relating to Financial Intelligence Unit of CBSL	Pronation of financial fraud matters	Participation for observation meetings Submission to the Minister of Finance approvals		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Amended Act		D(D) AD(T)			
25	Investors Facilitation Forum	Develop Facilitations to investors to invest in our country.	Attending meetings		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No of Forums held		D(D) AD(T)			

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Administration and Special Schemes.																				
26	Issuing vehicle permits under the various duty concession schemes, amending circulars and attending for complains and appeals	Protecting core objective to the circular, proved solution to the issue/apples	Trade and Investment Policy Circular No 01/2013		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of permits issued , No. of amendments done, No. of complains and appeals attended	Dep.of Trade and Investment policy	D(C) AD(S)	Attached		
27	Disposal of vehicles imported under the various duty concession schemes	To removal uneconomical vehicles	Granting approvals under the duty concession schemes		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of approvals granted		D(C) AD(E)			
28	Procurement	Parches goods and Services to assisting to the process of Department fallowing existing rules and regulations.	Calling Tenders Signing agreements/contracts with selected Institutions	3.7	Jan	Dec	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	25	50	75	100	No of tenders called No of agreements signed No of items procured		D(C) AD(S)			

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29	Human Resources Development	Fill the training gap to the employees, accelerate the Departmental efficiency	Organizing Training/Capacity building programs Selecting officials for Training Programmes	0.8	Jan	Dec	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	25	50	75	100	No of training programs organized No of officials sent for training programs	Dept. of Trade and Investment Policy	D(C) AD(S)	Attached	
30	Development of Trade and Investment Database	Simplify the decision making system up dating information	Preparation of a Database		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	Provided Trade and Investment Database		D(C) AD(S)		
31	Maintaining of establishment activities	Minimizing the wastage and develop the system and HR according to the following - existing laws and regulations	Physical Resources Management	2.05	Jan	Dec	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	25	50	75	100	Time allocated for the task		D(C) AD (E)		
			Human Resources Management	28.5	Jan	Dec	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	25	50	75	100	Financial allocation				
32	Court Cases related to the Department	Develop logical answers to minimize the effect	Preparation of observations to the Court Cases		Jan	Dec					25	50	75	100	No. of cases that prepared observations		D(C) AD(S)		
33	Financial Management	Get maximum value for government money	Accounting Preparation of relevant reports and summaries	16.3	Jan	Dec	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.07	25	50	75	100	No of votes save below 5% of allocation.	D(C) AD (E)			

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