



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Directive on
Foreign Contractors Engaged in Identified
Construction Works**

As the apex body for the Construction Industry Development in the Country empowered by the Construction Industry Development Act 33 of 2014, we wish to address all Employers/Client/Contractor Organizations and Qualified Persons of the construction industry to treat all Identified Construction Work (ICW) related contracts with great importance as they are infrastructure used by the general public.

As such, all Employers including Public and Private Sector Client organizations of the construction industry, Contractor Organizations and Qualified Persons registered with CIDA shall be attentive that the following provisions are complied with, in carrying out ICWs.

Reference to Section 39 of CID Act

As per the provisions of the section 39 of the Construction Industry Development Act, no person shall engage a Foreign Contractor in any ICW in all fields of Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering and other specialised work, unless such Contractor is registered with CIDA.

It is hereby notified that, as per the provisions of the section 56 of the Construction Industry Development Act, any person who engages a Foreign Contractor to carry out any identified construction works without obtaining a Temporary Registration for the Foreign Contractor issued by the Construction Industry Development Authority, shall be guilty of an offence under the Act.

As per the interpretation given in the Construction Industry Development Act, Identified Construction Work (ICW) means any construction work for public use which are exceeding in value **Rupees Ten Million (Rs.10,000,000.00)** or such higher value as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time.

It is important that all relevant Contractors, Qualified Persons and Client organizations shall abide by the said legal requirements. Any person who commits an offense under this Act be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 100,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding **2 years** or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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