



## NOTICE

### TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CONTRACTORS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN SRI LANKA

#### **Registration of Foreign Contractors**

As per the Subsection 39 (1) of the Construction Industry Development Act No.33 of 2014, every foreign contractor prior to engaging in any identified construction work in Sri Lanka shall obtain a temporary registration as a contractor, with Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA). The procedure for registration and renewal of such registration are as prescribed by the Extraordinary Gazette bearing No.2085/19 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018.

As per the Subsection 39 (2) of the said Act, no person shall engage a foreign contractor in any identified construction works unless such contractor is registered with CIDA under this section.

#### **Identified Construction Work**

As per the Section 67 of the said Act, “identified construction works” means:

- (a) all buildings, structures, or any building or structure or landscape which consists of facilities and amenities for public use exceeding in value rupees ten million or such higher value as may be prescribed by the Minister, from time to time; and
- (b) all buildings, structures or landscapes which need approval of environmental, geological and cultural heritage regulatory bodies.

Any private residential building constructed for the personal use of any private owner shall be excluded from the definition of the expression “identified construction works”

#### **Punishable Offence under the Act**

Subsection 56 (1) (a) of the Construction Industry Development Act states that, any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any provision of this Act or any regulation made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

As per the Subsection 56 (2) of the said Act, any person who commits an offence under this Act, shall upon conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding rupees one hundred thousand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

#### **Mandatory Requirement**

Therefore, every Foreign Contractor who intends to be engaged in a Project of identified construction work in Sri Lanka, is hereby notified to be registered with CIDA for the period of the Project, before the awarding of the contract, having obtained a Letter of Intent from the Client of the Project, by submitting a duly completed Application Form to the Director General of CIDA together with documents and registration fees as per the above mentioned Extraordinary Regulation.

Every Client of such Project of identified construction work in Sri Lanka who intends to engage a Foreign Contractor in such a Project, is hereby notified, to direct such Foreign Contractor to be registered with CIDA in the above manner, for the period of the Project, before the awarding of the contract, having issued a Letter of Intent to the Contractor.

**Chairman**  
**Construction Industry Development Authority**  
**Ministry of Urban Development, Water Supply and Housing Facilities**  
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