



**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

**DIRECTIONS No. 7 OF 2022 UNDER FOREIGN EXCHANGE ACT, No. 12 of 2017**  
**Directions issued to Authorized Dealers on the Colombo Port City Investment Account –**  
**Investee (CPCIA - Investee)**

In terms of the Foreign Exchange (Investments in Colombo Port City) Regulations No. 1 of 2022 published in the Gazette (Extraordinary) Notification No. 2282/59 dated 03 June, 2022 and Section 9 read with Section 7 and 6 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 (the FEA), Authorized Dealers (ADs) are permitted to open and maintain Colombo Port City Investment Account -Investee (CPCIA - Investee), to facilitate investments in the Colombo Port City, subject to the following.

**2. Eligible Persons**

An authorized person under the provisions of Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act No. 11 of 2021.

**3. Opening and Maintaining the Accounts**

- (a) The CPCIA - Investee may be opened and maintained in the form of saving accounts in any designated foreign currency.
- (b) Eligible persons shall open CPCIA - Investee as a sole account.

**4. Permitted Credits**

- (a) Transfers from the Colombo Port City Investment Account - Investor.
- (b) Income earned or other receivable, in foreign currency of the accountholder.
- (c) Interest earned on the funds held in the account.

**5. Permitted Debits**

- (a) Local disbursements in Sri Lanka rupees.
- (b) Transfers to the Colombo Port City Investment Account - Investor, being any income or capital proceeds payable to the non-resident investor on the investment made.
- (c) Any transfer/payment on transaction as permitted by the Colombo Port City Economic Commission.

**6. Other Conditions**

- (a) When proceeding any permitted credit, under no circumstances shall funds be credited to CPCIA - Investee by conversion of rupees.



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- (b) ADs shall obtain adequate documentary evidence at the time of opening this CPCIA - Investee to determine the applicant's eligibility in terms of the requirement of the account.
- (c) ADs shall exercise due diligence in exercising the transactions permitted in foreign exchange through CPCIA - Investee in terms of these Directions.
- (d) ADs shall maintain documentary evidence (either in hard copy or electronic/ digital form) regarding the transactions made through this CPCIA - Investee, up to a period of 6 years from the closure of CPCIA - Investee or such other period as may be specified in any other written law applicable to such ADs, as the case may be.

**7. Reporting Requirement**

- (a) ADs are required to submit the information on opening and maintaining of CPCIA - Investee under these Directions in a format as prescribed by the Director - Department of Foreign Exchange (D/DFE), to this department.
- (b) ADs are required to implement a system within the bank to generate or extract the relevant information from the banks' books of accounts, as per the above reporting requirement.

**8. Closure of the CPCIA - Investee**

- (a) ADs shall close the CPCIA - Investee with the permission of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission.
- (b) ADs shall inform such closure to the D/DFE via an email (including details on Name of account holder, account number, reasons for closure) to [dfem@cbsl.lk](mailto:dfem@cbsl.lk) within one week from the date of the closure.

**9. For the Purpose of these Directions**

- (a) "designated foreign currency" shall have the same meaning in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Opening and Maintenance of Accounts for the purpose of engaging in Foreign Exchange Transactions) Regulations No. 5 of 2021 published in the Gazette (Extraordinary) Notification No. 2213/38 dated 03.02.2021.

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**Director - Department of Foreign Exchange**

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