



**MONETARY BOARD  
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

23 April 2021

**BANKING ACT DIRECTIONS**

**No. 06 of 2021**

**INVESTMENTS IN SRI LANKA INTERNATIONAL SOVEREIGN BONDS BY  
LICENSED COMMERCIAL BANKS AND NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK**

Issued in terms of the powers conferred by Sections 46(1) and 76(J)(1) of the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988, as amended.

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka with a view to easing pressure on the exchange rate and considering the substantial amount of possible/potential outflow of foreign exchange by banks and its impact on banks' risk management, requires the licensed commercial banks and National Savings Bank to suspend the purchase of Sri Lanka International Sovereign Bonds until further notice.

**Prof. W D Lakshman**

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