



**MONETARY BOARD
CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

18 March 2021

BANKING ACT DIRECTIONS

No. 04 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, licensed commercial banks and National Savings Bank are hereby informed to suspend the purchase of Sri Lanka International Sovereign Bonds with effect from 23 March 2021 until 09 April 2021.

Prof. W D Lakshman
*Chairman of the Monetary Board and
Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka*