

CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

DEPARTMENT OF SUPERVISION OF NON-BANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 21 May 2019 CIRCULAR No. 1 of 2019

CONCESSIONS GRANTED TO TOURISM INDUSTRY

In view of the adverse impact on tourism industry due to the current situation of the country, Licensed Finance Companies / Specialised Leasing Companies (LFCs/SLCs) are requested to grant the following concessions to those individuals and entities in the tourism industry, who wish to avail such concessions.

- (i) LFCs/SLCs may grant a moratorium to individuals and entities who have registered with Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority or any other authority/agency to provide services to tourism, on a case-by-case basis (Annex I)
- (ii) The moratorium shall be granted for performing loans (both capital and interest) till March 2020, in respect of outstanding credit facilities as at 18 April 2019.
- (iii) The Board of Directors of the LFCs/SLCs or any authority delegated by the Board of Directors shall approve the granting of moratorium.
- (iv) LFCs/SLCs shall convert the capital and interest falling due during the moratorium period into a term loan which shall be recovered from July 2020 onwards. A concessionary rate of interest may be charged for this facility.
- (v) LFCs/SLCs and the borrower shall agree on the repayment period and the rate of interest on the above loans.
- (vi) LFCs/SLCs may maintain non-performing loans in the same category for classification and provisioning purpose, during the moratorium period.
- (vii) LFCs/SLCs shall waive off the penal interest to be charged on non-performing loans, during the moratorium period.
- (viii) LFCs/SLCs shall maintain necessary documents to substantiate the granting of such concessions.



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(ix) LFCs/SLCs shall report the moratorium availed by borrowers as per the format in Annex II, to the Director, Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions on a monthly basis by 15th of the succeeding month.

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