

**Making the public aware of fraudulent activities committed by using the
Letterheads of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers illegally**

The Office of the Cabinet of Ministers has received information to the effect that a fraudulent person or organization is engaged in obtaining money from various persons by producing forged letters prepared illegally using the letterheads of the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers, stating that duty concessions have been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers for parcels and cargo to be received from foreign countries and that assistance could be provided for the purpose, if sought.

02. The Secretary to the Cabinet wishes to emphasize that the Cabinet of Ministers does not approve granting of customs duty concession or any other tax relief pertaining to parcels or cargo received by persons from foreign countries and requests the public not to be deceived by such forged letters. The Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers has informed the Inspector General of Police to conduct an investigation in this regard and take legal action against those engaged in such fraudulent activities.

03. The authenticity of any letter received from the Office of the Cabinet of Ministers could be verified by a letter addressed to the Secretary to the Cabinet, inquiring through email info@cabinetoffice.gov.lk or by contacting a Senior Officer of this Office on Telephone No. 011 2329620 or 011 2325279 appearing in the office letterhead.