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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980**

REGULATIONS made by the President under Paragraph (o) of Subsection (2) of Section 32 of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with paragraph (i) of Section 10 of that Act and Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA  
President.

Colombo,  
04th November, 2019.

**Regulations**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Control of Bill Boards and Hoardings (Visual Pollution) Regulations No. 01 of 2019
2. Any bill board, hoarding, structure or device used for the purpose of displaying an advertisement shall be in conformity with these regulations and shall not be erected obstructing the view of natural environment, landscape, visual amenity and safety of persons.
3. A person shall not erect any bill board, hoarding, structure or device for the purpose of displaying and advertisement -
  - (a) without a permit issued for such purpose by the relevant Authority specified in the Schedule hereto, subject to the payment of a fee as may be charged by such Authority ; and



- (b) except in accordance with the guidelines relating to the prevention of obstruction of the view of natural environment, landscape, visual amenity and safety of persons as may be issued from time to time by such relevant Authority.

4. The relevant Authority shall issue the permit for a period not more than twelve (12) months and may be renewed annually subject to the payment of a renewal fee as may be charged by such Authority.

5. Where any bill board, hoarding, structure or device used for the purpose of displaying an advertisement is displayed for more than twelve (12) months without the permit being renewed under regulation 4, the relevant Authority shall inform the holder of permit to remove such bill board, hoarding, structure or device used for the purpose of displaying an advertisement from such place.

6. Where a bill board, hoarding, structure or device used for the purpose of displaying an advertisement is not removed as informed by the relevant Authority under regulation 5, such Authority shall remove it and recover the cost of such removal from the holder of the permit.

7. The relevant authority shall have the power to remove any bill board, hoarding, structure or device used for the purpose of displaying an advertisement -

- (a) to ensure safety and security of persons ;  
(b) to prevent the obstruction of the view of natural environment, landscape, visual amenity ; and  
(c) to comply with any statutory requirement.

8. In these Regulations -

“advertisement” includes any word, letter, sign, signboard, banner, balloon and poster illuminated or non-illuminated or digitally displayed (static or moving) and posted on land, buildings, walls, hoardings, frames, kiosks, posts, tree guard, gantries, mobile vehicles, passage, shelters or temporary arches.

(Regulations 3)

#### SCHEDULE

1. Department of Archeology
2. Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management
3. Department of Forest
4. Department of Wildlife Conservation
5. Road Development Authority established under the Road Development Authority Act, No. 73 of 1981
6. Provincial Road Development Authorities
7. Urban Development Authority of Sri Lanka established under the Urban Development Authority Law, No. 41 of 1978
8. Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority established under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005
9. Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka established under the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act, No. 23 of 1979
10. Agrarian Development Department
11. Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation established under the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation Act, No. 15 of 1968
12. Irrigation Department
13. Provincial Irrigation Departments
14. Municipal Councils constituted under the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252)
15. Urban Councils constituted under the Urban Councils Ordinance (Chapter 255)
16. Pradeshiya Sabhas constituted under the Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No. 15 of 1987