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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 18 OF 2002**

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*Licensing of Shipping Agents (Amendment)  
Act, No 18 of 2002*

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L.D.—O. 7/2001.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSING OF SHIPPING AGENTS ACT,  
NO. 10 OF 1972 AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED  
THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Licensing of Shipping  
Agents (Amendment) Act, No. 18 of 2002.

Short title.

2. The Long Title to the Licensing of Shipping Agents  
Act, No. 10 of 1972, (hereinafter referred to as the “principal  
enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the  
words “BUSINESS OF A SHIPPING AGENT” of the words  
“BUSINESS OF A SHIPPING AGENT, FREIGHT  
FORWARDERS, NON VESSEL OPERATING COMMON  
CARRIERS, AND CONTAINER OPERATORS.”.

Amendment of  
the long title to  
Act, No. 10 of  
1972.

3. (1) In the principal enactment and in any other written  
law, there shall be substituted—

Licensing of  
Shipping Agents  
Act, and the  
Shipping Agents  
to be known as  
Licensing of  
Shipping Agents,  
Freight Forward-  
ers and Non  
Vessel Operating  
Common Carriers  
and Container  
Operators Act,  
and the Shipping  
Agents, Freight  
Forwarders non  
Vessel Operating  
Common Carriers  
and Container  
Operators  
respectively.

(a) for the words, “Licensing of Shipping Agents Act”  
of the words “Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight  
Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common  
Carriers, and Container Operators Act ;

(b) for the words, “Shipping Agents” of the words  
“Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non Vessel  
Operating Common Carriers and Container  
Operators.

(2) Every reference to the “Licensing of Shipping Agents  
Act” and “Shipping Agents” in any notice, notification,  
contract, communication or other document shall be read and  
construed as a reference to “Licensing of Shipping Agents,  
Freight Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers  
and Container Operators Act”, and “Shipping Agents, Freight  
Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers and  
Container Operator,” respectively.

2            *Licensing of Shipping Agents (Amendment)*  
   *Act, No 18 of 2002*

Amendment of  
section 15 of the  
principal  
enactment.

**4.** Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

- (1) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “appropriate authority” of the following new definition :—

“container operators” means a person engaged in the business of container terminal, container depot and container freight station operation in Sri Lanka ;

“freight forwarders” means any person engaged in the business of International Freight Forwarding which includes undertaking the carriage or the procurement of the carriage by air, sea, or land and the provision of other services connected with such carriage, but shall not include any services provided by a person for the carriage of goods or services provided solely as the agent of an airline or ship owner or charterer of a ship ;

- (2) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “license” of the following new definition :—

“Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier” means a freight forwarder who also engages in the functions of a carrier ;

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case of  
inconsistency.

**5.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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