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Conservation of Electricity

Your attention is requested to the Emergency (Restriction on the use or consumption of electricity) Regulations, No. 1 of 2001 made by Her Excellency the President under Section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40) which were published in the Extra –ordinary Gazette of 01st February 2001.

02. The above Emergency Regulations are as follows :

Regulations

- I. These regulations may be cited as the Emergency (Restriction on the use or consumption of Electricity) Regulations, No. 1 of 2001.
- II. No person shall, during the continuance in force of these regulations and notwithstanding any agreement or contract entered into by him with the Ceylon Electricity Board or the Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt.) Ltd., as the case may be, use or consume electricity supplied by the Board or Company, for –
 - (a) the lighting of carnival grounds, fair grounds or floodlighting of any buildings;
 - (b) the lighting of sign-boards, shop windows or fountains; or
 - (c) the operation of air conditioners.
- III. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of regulation 2 above, any person who so wishes, may generate electricity for any of the aforementioned purposes, by the use of generators.
- IV. Any person, whose premises are supplied with electricity by either the Ceylon Electricity Board or the Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt.) Ltd., as the case may be, and who uses or possesses an in-house generator, shall notwithstanding that his premises are so supplied with electricity, wherever possible, continue to use such generator for the supply of electricity to his premises.

- V. The authorities who are responsible for the provision of streetlights shall ensure that such lights are only lit up at 7.00 p.m. each day and switched off at 5.30 a.m. the following day.
- VI. Any person who contravenes the provisions of these regulations, may, without prior notice, be liable to have his electricity supply temporarily disconnected or discontinued, as the case may be.
3. You are kindly informed to ensure that these Emergency Regulations are strictly complied with by you and institutions coming under your purview, if applicable, in view of the present shortage of electricity supply.

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