



**CESSES IMPOSED UNDER THE
SRI LANKA EXPORT DEVELOPMENT
ACT NO. 40 OF 1979**

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1. What is a Cess?

A local levy on a commodity / product for a special purpose.

2. Authority to Impose a Cess

- Section 14, of the S.L.E.D.B. Act, No. 40 of 1979 has vested powers in the Minister in-charge of the E.D.B. to impose a cess.
- Concurrence of the Minister in-charge of Finance is required.
- A Gazette Notification should be published to give effect to the order.
- Cess could be imposed both on Imports and Exports.
- This section will apply as though it formed a part of the Custom Ordinance, and the provision of that Ordinance shall apply accordingly.
- Proceeds of the Cess to be credited to the Export Development Fund.
- This Cess is in addition to any import / export duty or any other Cess levied under any other written law of the country.

3. Cesses Imposed under the EDB Act

a. Cesses on Imports

b. Cesses on Exports

3.1 EDB CESSSES ON IMPORTS

3.1.1 Cess on Selected Imported Items

Products	:	Selected imported items
Gazette No.	:	1885/46 of 24/10/2014
Objectives	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discourage imports of non-essential items- Protection of local farmers / manufacturers.- Funds for implementation of Export Development Programme.

Rates	:	<p>Different rates (Ranging from 1% to 35%). Where ad valorem and unit rates are specified, the rate whichever results in a higher Cess value is applicable.</p> <p>Computation of Cess Levy :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[CIF value + 10% of CIF value] x rate of cess levy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quantity x unit rate of cess levy</p>
Not applicable to	:	<p>(i) Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani raw and prepared drugs and medicinal plants specified by Notification published in Gazette by the Director General of Customs in consultation with the Secretary of the Ministry which is responsible to the subject of Ayurveda, and Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani preparations (other than cosmetics preparations) imported, subject to the approval of the Secretary to the Treasury.</p> <p>(ii) Any product or preparation registered as drug or device under the Cosmetics Devices and Drugs Act.</p> <p>(iii) Raw materials, intermediate goods, parts and accessories to be used for the manufacture of fashion jewellery and containers for packing imported on the recommendation of the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce.</p> <p>(iv) Goods for any specified project referred to in paragraph f (ii) of PART II of the First Schedule to the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 of 2002, as identified by the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, on which taxes are borne by the Government taking into consideration the economic benefit to the country.</p> <p>(v) Following equipment, accessories and parts thereof, for use in agriculture and related activities, imported on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, subject to approval by the Director General of Customs: Weather stations, green houses, poly-tunnels, sprinkler/misting systems, drip irrigation systems, fustigation systems, hydroponic systems, mulch films, pond liner, and shade for netting.</p>

		<p>(vi) Multi- layered packing materials consisting of laminates of papers, polyethylene film and aluminium foil, or of polyethylene and ethylene vinyl alcohol polymer used for packing of liquid milk, vegetable juice and fruit juice, imported on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce subject to approval by the Director General of Customs.</p> <p>(vii) Import of samples in relations to business worth not more than Rs. 50,000/= subject to such terms and conditions as prescribed by the Director General of Customs.</p>
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3.2 EDB CESSSES ON EXPORTS

3.2.1 Cess on Export of Tea

Product/s	:	Tea whether flavoured or not certified by Sri Lanka Tea Board as wholly of Sri Lankan origin [HS No. 0902.40.91, 0902.40.92] Other flavoured tea [HS No. 0902.40.93] Other tea [HS No. 0902.40.99]
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 10/= per kg or 2.5% of Colombo tea auction average price whichever is higher

3.2.2 Cess on Export of Natural Rubber

Product/s	:	Various forms of rubber
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Natural rubber latex - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB [HS No. 4001.10.90, 4001.10.10]

		<p>RSS 1 - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.10]</p> <p>RSS 2 - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.20]</p> <p>RSS 3 - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.30]</p> <p>RSS 4 - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.40]</p> <p>RSS 5 - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.50]</p> <p>Other – Rs. 15/= per Kg or 2% of FOB - [HS No. 4001.21.90]</p> <p>Technically specified natural rubber [TSNR] - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB [HS No. 4001.22]</p> <p>Other - Rs. 15/= per kg or 2% of FOB - [HS Nos. 4001.29.11; 4001.29.12; 4001.29.13; 4001.29.14; 4001.29.20; 4001.29.30; 4001.29.40; 4001.29.50; 4001.29.60; 4001.29.70; 4001.29.90; 4001.30]</p>
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3.2.3 Cess on Export of Coconut

Product/s	:	Coconuts
Gazette No.		1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	<p>Coconuts - In the inner shell(endocarp). [HS No. 0801.12]</p> <p>Rs. 7/= per unit</p>

3.2.4 Cess on Export of Pepper

Product/s	:	Pepper
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Light berries of pepper with density not exceeding 450 grams per liter [0904.11.10] – Rs. 10/= per Kg Organic [HS No. 0904.11.11] – Rs. 10/= per Kg Other Pepper [HS No. 0904.11.19] – Rs. 10/= per Kg Other pepper [HS No. 0904.11.90] - Rs. 3/= per kg

3.2.5 Cess on Export of Vanilla

Product/s	:	Vanilla
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Vanilla pods [HS No. 0905.10.10] - Rs. 3/= per kg

3.2.6 Cess on Export of Cinnamon

Product/s	:	Cinnamon in various forms
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Organi Cinnamon [0906.11.10] – Rs. 6/= per Kg Cinnamon quilings - [HS No. 0906.11.13, HS No. 0906.11.93.] - Rs. 6/= per kg Cinnamon featherings - [HS No. 0906.11.14, HS No. 0906.11.94] - Rs. 6/= per kg Cinnamon chips - [HS No. 0906.11.15, HS No. 0906.11.95] - Rs. 6/= per kg

3.2.7 Cess on Export of Cloves

Product/s	:	Cloves
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Organic Cloves [HS. No. 0907.10.10] – Rs. 6/= per Kg

	Whole fruit - [HS No. 0907.10.11, HS No. 0907.10.91] - Rs. 6/= per kg
	Cloves - [HS No. 0907.10..12, HS No. 0907.10..92] - Rs. 6/= per kg
	Clove stems - [HS No. 0907.10.13, HS No. 0907.10.93] - Rs. 6/= per kg

3.2.8 Cess on Export of Nutmeg

Product/s	:	Nutmeg in various forms
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Organic Nutmeg [Hs. No. 0908.11.10] – Rs. 10/= per Kg Nutmeg- wormy & punkey [HS No. 0908.11.11, HS No. 0908.11.91] - Rs. 10/= per kg Nutmeg other [HS No. 0908.11.19, HS No. 0908.11.99] - Rs. 10/= per kg

3.2.9 Cess on Export of Mace

Product/s	:	Mace
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Mace neither crushed nor ground [HS No. 0908.21] - Rs. 3/= per kg

3.2.10 Cess on Export of Maize

Product/s	:	Maize [Corn]
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	[HS No. 2302.10] - Rs. 1/= per kg

3.2.11 Cess on Export of Rice

Product/s	:	Rice
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 1/= per kg - [HS No. 2302.40.10]

3.2.12 Cess on Export of Graphite

Product/s	:	Natural Graphite
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Other [HS No. 2504..90.90] - Rs. 10,000/= per mt - Waste [HS No. 2504..90.10] - Rs. 200/= per mt

3.2.13 Cess on Export of Coral and Similar Material

Product/s	:	Coral chanks - [HS No. 0508.00.10]
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 100/= per 1000 units

3.2.14 Cess on Export of Silica Sands and Quartz Sands

Product/s	:	Silica Sands and Quartz Sands
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Waste [HS No. 2505.10.10] - Rs. 1,250/= per MT Other : [HS No. 2505.10.90] - Rs. 1,250/= per MT:

3.2.15 Cess on Clay Sands including Kaolinic sands & Feldspar Sands

Product/s	:	Clay Sands including Kaolinic sands & Feldspar Sands
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	[HS No. 2505.90] - Rs. 5,000/= per MT

3.2.16 Cess on Export of Quartz

Product/s	:	Raw Vein Quartz
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 4,400/= per MT: [HS No. 2506.10.10]

3.2.17 Cess on Export of Kaolin

Product/s	:	Kaolin & other Kaolin clays
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 1,100/= per MT: [HS No. 2507.00]

3.2.18 Cess on Export of Natural Calcium Phosphate, Natural Aluminium, Calcium Phosphates and Phosphatic chalk

Product/s	:	Unground rock phosphate
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 4,400/= per MT- [HS No. 2510.10.10]

3.2.19 Cess on Export of Emery, Natural Corundum, Natural Garnet and other Natural Abrasives

Product/s	:	Emery, Natural Corundum, Natural Garnet and other natural abrasives
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 24,200/= per MT [HS No. 2513.20] -

3.2.20 Cess on Export of Granite, Propyry, Basalt, Sandstone and other Monumental or Building Stones

Product/s	:	Cess on Export of Granite, Propyry, Basalt, Sandstone and other Monumental or Building Stones merely cut, by sawing or otherwise, into blocks or slabs of rectangular [including, square]
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		shape; sand stone, and other monumental stones.
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Merely cut by sawing or otherwise - Rs. 12,000/= per m ³ [HS No. 2516.12] Crude or roughly trimmed granite - Rs. 24,000/= per m ³ [HS No. 2516.11] Sandstone - Rs.12,000/= per m ³ [HS No. 2516.20] Other monumental or building stones [HS No. 2516.90 - Rs. 12,000/= per m ³].

3.2.21 Cess on Export of Pebble, Gravel, Broken or Crushed Stones

Product/s	:	Pebbles, gravel, broken or crushed stone of a kind commonly used for concrete, for road metalling or for railway or other ballast
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Rs. 3,300/= per MT [HS No. 2517.49]

3.2.22 Cess on Export of Mica

Product/s	:	Mica
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Cured mica - Rs. 1,100/= per MT [HS No. 2525.10] Mica waste - Rs.110/= per MT [HS No. 2525.30]

3.2.23 Cess on Export of Natural Steatite

Product/s	:	Natural Steatite
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Natural steatite not crushed, not powdered- Rs. 3,300/= per MT [HS No. 2526.10] Natural steatite crushed or powdered- - Rs.2,200/= per MT [HS No. 2526.20]

3.2.24 Cess on Export of Other Mineral Substances

Product/s	:	Other mineral substances
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Vermiculite, perlite and cholirtes- Rs. 1,100/= per MT [HS No. 2530.10] Kieserite, epsomite (Natural Magnesium Sulphates) - Rs.1,100/= per MT [HS No. 2530.20] Natural arsenic Sulphides [HS No.2530.90.10] - Rs.1,100/= per MT Broken Concrete [HS No.2530.90.20] - Rs.1,100/= per MT Others[HS No. 2530.90.90] -- Rs.1,100/= per MT

3.2.25 Cess on Export of Titanium ores and Concentrates

Product/s	:	Titanium ores and Concentrates
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Ilmanite [HS No. 2614..00.10] - Rs.1,650/= per MT Rutile [HS No. 2614.00.20] -- Rs.2,200/= per MT Other[HS No. 2614.00.90] -- Rs.1,100/= per MT

3.2.26 Cess on Export of Niobium, Tantalum, Vanadium or Zirconium ores and concentrates

Product/s	:	Niobium, Tantalum, Vanadium or Zirconium ores and concentrates
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Zirconium ores and Concentrates [HS No. 2615.10] - Rs.550/= per MT Others[HS No. 2615..90] -- Rs.110/= per MT

3.2.27 Cess on Export of Raw Hides

Product/s	:	Various forms of hides and skins
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	<p>Whole hides and skins of a weight per skin not exceeding 8 kg when simply dried, 10 kg when dry salted or 16kg when fresh, wet salted or otherwise preserved - [Hs No. 4101.20]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- 75% of the FOB value or Rs. 500/= per Kg</p> <p>Whole hides and skins of a weight exceeding 16 kg - [HS No. 4101.50]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- 75% of the FOB value or Rs. 500/= per Kg</p> <p>Other [HS No. 4101.90] - 75% of FOB value or Rs. 500/= per kg</p> <p>Raw hides of sheep or lamb [HS Nos. 4102.10, 4102.21, 4102.29]</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- 75% of the FOB value or</p>

		Rs. 500/= per Kg
		Raw hides and skins of reptiles, swine & other [HS Nos. 4103.20, 4103.30, 4103.90] - 75% of the FOB value or Rs. 500/= per Kg Tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine [including buffalo] in the wet state [including wet blue state] wet blue chrome tanned etc. [HS Nos. 4104.11.10, 4104.11.90, 4104.19.10, 4104.19.90, 4104.41, 4104.49] - 10% of the FOB value
		Tanned or crust skins of sheep or lamb in wet or dry state [HS No. 4105.10, 4105.30] - 10% of the FOB value Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting {HS No. 4107.99} - Nil

3.2.28 Cess on Export of Wood

Product/s	:	Wood in rough form.
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	HS No. 4403.99 - 15% of FOB

3.2.29 Cess on Export of Metal Scrap

Product/s	:	Various types of metal scrap
Gazette No.	:	1885/45 of 24/10/2014
Rate/s	:	Waste scrap of cast iron, steel alloy, stainless steel , tinned iron or steel

	<p>[Hs Nos. 7204.10, 7204.21, 7204.29, 7204.30, 7204.41, 7204.49, 7204.50] - 10% of FOB value.</p> <p>Copper waste scrap [HS No. 7404.00] - 50% of FOB value.</p> <p>Nickel waste & scrap [HS No. 7503.00] - 25% of FOB value.</p> <p>Aluminium waste & scrap [HS No. 7602.00] - 25% of FOB value.</p> <p>Lead waste & scrap [HS No. 7802.00] - 25% of FOB value.</p> <p>Zinc waste & scrap [HS No. 7902.00] - 25% of FOB value.</p> <p>Tin waste & scrap [HS No. 8002.00] - 25% of FOB value.</p>
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