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Foreword

The Department of Commerce, the focal point of the Government of Sri Lanka pertaining to the formulation of international trade policies is pleased to present the annual trade statistics - 2007 Sri Lanka. This publication gives detailed statistical analysis on Sri Lanka's export and import trade.

The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) is used for the classification and tabulation of statistics.

In presenting this publication, we hope that the data included herein would be important and useful contribution towards economic studies and research, particularly for the researchers who conduct empirical studies relating to Sri Lanka's international trade. We also believe that the trade data presented in this publication also be useful for the general public to understand the current status of Sri Lanka's international trade and its future direction.

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Abbreviations

1. ANDEAN - Andes Mountain Countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)
2. APEC - Asia – Pacific Economic Cooperation
3. ANZCERTA - Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Agreement
4. ASEAN - Association of South – East Asian Nations
5. BIMST – EC - Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka & Thailand Multi Sectoral Economic Cooperation
6. CEFTA - Central European Free Trade Agreement
7. G.C.C. - Gulf Cooperation Council
8. COMESA -Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
9. EFTA - European Free Trade Association
10. E.U - European Union
11. IOR – ARC - Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation
12. MERCOSUR - Southern Common Market
13. NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement
14. OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
15. OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
16. SAARC - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation