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**Guidelines for Procurement of Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices of a Consumable Nature - 2022**

Your attention is drawn to the Public Finance Circulars No – 01/2023 dated 13.01.2023.

The relevant, connected circular is annexed herewith for your kind information and compliance please.

  
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**Guidelines for Procurement of Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices of a Consumable Nature - 2022**

The Guidelines for the Procurement of Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices of a Consumable Nature – 2022 are issued with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to facilitate the procurement of Pharmaceuticals and a limited range of Medical Devices of a Consumable Nature through a transparent, expeditious and efficient process ensuring value for money and fair dealing.

This Guidelines replaces the previous Guidelines for the Procurement of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices – 2006 issued by the NPA Circular No. 10 dated 01<sup>st</sup> March 2007 with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2023. These Guidelines have been prepared by the Ministry of Health in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and shall be read in conjunction with the Procurement Guidelines – 2006 (Goods and Works). Therefore, the broad principles of procurement outlined in the procurement Guidelines will continue to be applicable to the extent possible, for the Procurement of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, unless they have been amended/modified in these Guidelines.

It must be noted that medical equipment and medical devices which are not of a consumable nature must be procured in accordance with the principals and procedures criteria laid down in the Procurement Guidelines - 2006 (Goods and Works).

These Guidelines will come into force from 01<sup>st</sup> February 2023 and are also available in the web sites of Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (<https://www.treasury.gov.lk>) and Ministry of Health (<http://www.health.gov.lk>).

Any clarification/interpretation on these Guidelines should initially be sought from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies or Ministry of Health.

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