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PRESS NOTICE

Liberalization of Import of Caravans and Mobile Homes for the Promotion of Tourism

The limited number of hotel rooms available, especially on the East, is a constraint for the outreach of tourism and to realize the peace dividend in these areas. In addition, there is an acute shortage of accommodation and office space in the North & East.

Therefore, the Government has decided to liberalize the import of mobile homes and caravans up to ten (10) years old, subject to the following;

Grant of customs duty waiver on Trailers and semi-trailers of the caravan type, for housing or camping by the Ministry of Finance on a case by case basis, subject to the approval by the Sri Lanka Tourist Board. This concession will be available from 25th March 2003 to 31st December 2003.

Secretary
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