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Permanent Secretaries Heads of Departments

## Re: Amendment to the C.I.F Upper Limit Purchase Price for Assigned Motor Vehicles

Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments will recall that the Motor Vehicle Policy for the Public Sector was amended as documented in Circular No. 8 dated April 24, 2003.

Subsequently, Cabinet decision No. 37/05 dated December 19, 2005 approved amendment to the ceiling for motor vehicles purchased for specified categories of public officials with assigned motor vehicles from US\$25,000 C.I.F. to US\$27,500.00 C.I.F., and the establishment of procedures to review the upper ceiling annually at October 1 based on the initial amount of US\$27,143.00 C.I.F and the respective United States Inflation Rate Factor.

This Ministry has observed that consequent on the rising cost of Motor Vehicles generally, quotations being submitted for the purchase of new vehicles for assignment to public officials have been reflecting amounts over the current approved Cost Insurance and Freight (C.I.F.) limit of Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars US\$(\$27,800.00).

In order to alleviate the current problem, the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Public Service gave approval effective October 1, 2007 for the upper limit to be to a C.I.F. value of Twenty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars US\$(29,500.00).

Notwithstanding, this amendment to the upper limit, Ministries, Departments and Agencies should continue to exercise prudence and cost containment in the interest of optimising Public Expenditure.

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