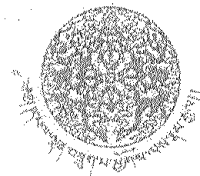




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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Public service is a public trust. To ensure that every citizen can have confidence in the integrity of the Government, each public servant has a responsibility to the government and the people of Bhutan to place the public interest above one's private gain. Therefore, the acceptance and giving of gifts to a public servant in order to influence governmental decisions have, recently, become a concern for the government. Because of this concern, the Anti-Corruption Commission made these Gift Rules in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 133 of the Anti-Corruption Act of Bhutan 2006.

An extensive process underpinned the development of these Gift Rules finally culminating in a national consultative workshop where both public and private sector representatives were consulted. These Gift Rules proscribe the solicitation, giving and acceptance of gifts by a public servant from prescribed sources; at the same time it provides generally accepted exceptions to the proscriptions, thus balancing the two conflicting interests.

The Anti-Corruption Commission hereby adopts these Gift Rules at its meeting convened on March 5, 2009 making it effective from the said date. From this effective date, these Rules shall be complied with by all concerned. A commentary on these Rules shall be issued soon.


(Neten Zangmo)
Chairperson

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