

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

(Bill No. 16 of 2025)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE OBJECTS AND REASONS FOR THE BILL

1. The Public Procurement Act (Cap. 305) provides for the basic principles and procedures to be applied in, and regulate, the public procurement of goods, public works, consultancy services, and other services and for the institutions responsible for those matters.
2. Section 24 of the Act provides for appointment of a Director, who shall provide administrative and professional support to the Board; ensure the proper implementation of the work programme of the Board; prepare and co-ordinate the preparation of such papers, documents or studies as may be requested by the Board; and carry out any other duties, as may be considered necessary. To align with the designation of the post in other organisations and also to follow the international standards in the field, it is proposed to change the designation of “Director” to “Chief Executive Officer”. The re-designated title will reflect the strategic and operational responsibilities associated with the said post. It is proposed to amend sections 23, 24 and 26 of the Act, to change the reference of “Director” to “Chief Executive Officer”.
3. This Bill seeks to achieve the above objective.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2025.

**AHMED AFIF
VICE-PRESIDENT/MINISTER OF FINANCE,
NATIONAL PLANNING AND TRADE**

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 23 of the Public Procurement Act (Cap. 305)
3. Amendment of section 24
4. Amendment of section 26

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT (CAP. 305).

ENACTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Procurement (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Amendment of section 23 of the Public Procurement Act (Cap. 305)

2. The Public Procurement Act (Cap.305) (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”) is amended in subsections (1) and (3) of section 23, by repealing the word “Director” and therefor substituting the words “Chief Executive Officer” respectively.

Amendment of section 24

3. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the marginal heading and therefor substituting the following marginal heading —

“Chief Executive Officer”;

- (b) in subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), by repealing the word “Director” and therefor substituting the words “Chief Executive Officer” respectively.

Amendment of section 26

4. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “Director” occurring at both places and therefor substituting the words “Chief Executive Officer” respectively.