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## PUBLIC ADVISORY #11

# STATUS OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

In response to several requests, from the business sector, civil society, participants at our recently concluded Workshops and the public at large, for an update on the status of the Draft Regulations, the Office of Procurement Regulation (the OPR) is pleased to confirm that on September 2nd, 2019, the recommendations of the OPR in the form of Draft Regulations were submitted to the Minister of Finance in accordance with Section 63 (1 ) of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015, as amended ("the Act"). This section provides that,

> *"The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Office, make regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Act, including regulations with respect to-(a) the conduct of challenge proceedings under Part V; and (b) the addition to, or removal from, an ineligibility list under section 58,"*

It is to be noted that the OPR's latest submission reflects amendments to the original version of the Draft Regulations submitted on November 30th, 2018 to the Ministry of Finance and would have resulted from multiple exchanges between the OPR, the Ministry of Finance and other key stakeholders.

Additionally, the OPR also made recommendations to amend and to further proclaim certain sections of the Act, which can be proclaimed independently of the Draft Regulations. The OPR would have met with the Minister of Finance to discuss same on September 3rd, 2019.

The OPR wishes to assure the public that it remains committed to full proclamation of the Act and will continue to work in collaboration with all our valued stakeholders in keeping with the principles of good governance, namely, accountability, integrity, transparency and value for money.

**Moonilal Lalchan**
**Chairman/Procurement Regulator**
**13th November, 2019**

The Office of Procurement Regulation is a body corporate established pursuant to an Act of Parliament, namely the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act, 2015. The Act aims to provide for public procurement, and for the retention and disposal of public property in accordance with the principles of good governance, namely accountability, integrity, transparency, and value for money and to promote local industry development, sustainable procurement and sustainable development.

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