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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION
'NATION'S CONSCIENCE'
THIMPHU, BHUTAN



“If you care, you will dare”

“Lead by Example”

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Executive Order

Asset declaration (AD) is an important corruption prevention and a public accountability tool. The need to declare assets and liabilities by civil servants existed for a long time. It, however, became legally binding and effective only in 2006 with the enactment of the Anti-Corruption Act of Bhutan 2006 (ACA). Section 127 of the ACA requires public servants, their spouse(s) and dependent(s) of all organizations that use public resources to declare their income, assets and liabilities to the Anti-Corruption in case of schedule I public servants and to the respective organizations in case of non-schedule I public servants (decentralized system).

Much work has been done in establishing an effective AD administration system and capacity building to ensure its compliance. However, for AD to be meaningful, information in the declaration has to be verified.

To ensure systematic, uniform and transparent system of AD verification, the ACC as per Section 54(1) of the ACA has drafted an AD verification protocol. The protocol describes the procedures for asset verification for schedule I public servants and provides a broad guideline for non-schedule I public servants.

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The protocol will come into force with immediate effect. This has reference to the Commission's meeting convened on 17 March, 2011. All heads of organizations and asset declaration administrators are required to implement the protocol.

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(Neten Zangmo)
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8. Secretaries to the Royal Government of Bhutan;
9. Heads of Autonomous Agencies;
10. Heads of corporations;
11. Heads of financial institutions;
12. Heads of CSOs;
13. Secretary General, BCCI; and
14. Heads of media & media organizations.

Enclosure: *Asset verification protocol*

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