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## ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

'NATION'S CONSCIENCE'
"LEAD BY EXAMPLE"
"If you care, you will dare"



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## **Executive Order**

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), under Section 104 of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2022, is charged with the responsibility for property that is frozen, seized, or confiscated under the Act. Sections 104(4) and 108(3) specifically provides that the Commission, with approval from the Court and as per the Rules adopted by the ACC, may allow any moveable property that is frozen, seized, or confiscated to be used or operated pending the outcome of the investigation or auction and for an immovable property or developmental works that are frozen, seized, or confiscated to be allowed to be used, operated, leased, or resumed, pending outcome of the investigation and prosecution.

Accordingly, the ACC, in line with Sections 104(4) and 108(3) of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2022 and Section 171 of the Anti-Corruption Act of Bhutan 2011, has developed the *Rules for Management of Property under Provisional Measures 2023*. The Rule provides the procedures for the effective management and administration of moveable and immovable properties that are seized or frozen during the investigation or posted as collateral or bond or property that are restrained through the Order of a competent court. It accords the manner of sequestration, processes for taking custody of property and responsibility therefor, *ad interim* arrangements which include options to give on hire, lease, or allow the suspect or lienholders to keep custody of such property as well as the processes for the management and administration of property including the management of financial instruments by the ACC and disposition thereof. This Rule is expected to streamline the management and administration of property seized and frozen or brought to the custody of the ACC during its investigation.

The ACC hereby adopts the *Rules for Management of Property under Provisional Measures* 2023 today, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of Water Female Rabbit Year corresponding to the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 and coinciding with the International Anti-Corruption Day 2023. The Rule can be accessed on the website of ACC @ www.acc.org.bt.

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