## **PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE**

## Directive No. 38

(Issued pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Public Procurement Act 2006

## Procedures to be followed in cases of complaints to the Independent Review Panel

By virtue of Section 7(db) of the Public Procurement Act which reads as follows:-

"The Policy Office shall attend to complaints from bidders or suppliers and advise the Board or public bodies on the appropriate course of action",

the Central Procurement Board and Public Bodies concerned shall consult the Policy Office regarding the mandatory procedures to be followed where there have been cases of complaints to and rulings made by the Independent Review Panel.

## Adherence to Financial Instructions No. 1 of 2018

2. Furthermore, by virtue of Section 7(b) of the Public Procurement Act which reads as follows:-

"The Policy Office shall formulate policies relating to procurement, including directives, procedures, instructions, technical notes and manuals, for the implementation of this Act",

the Central Procurement Board shall ensure that Public Bodies/Public Enterprises which resort to borrowings to finance their investment projects shall strictly comply with the Financial Instructions No. 1 of 2018 (Annex 1) prior to the Board making any recommendation for award of contracts.

3. This Directive takes effect immediately.

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