

**DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A
GARMENT QUOTA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF SRI LANKA**

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ABSTRACT

This dissertation introduces a Garment Quota Management System for the use of Board of Investment of Sri Lanka. The garment sector being the primary export earner of our economy is heavily dependant on the garment quotas granted to Sri Lanka by the importing countries such as USA and EEC countries. The Board of Investment being the sole state authority for the promotion and administering of the foreign investment in Sri Lanka is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the optimum utilization of such quota in the most beneficial manner to both the country's economy and the foreign investors who have set up manufacturing facilities on Sri Lankan soil. This huge task which is crucial to our economy demands careful planning and effective control of the activities of the enterprises that come under purview of BOI.

The current quota management system has failed to meet the objectives satisfactorily and badly need a major overhaul. It is full of irregularities and inefficiencies, while providing only a minimal level of computer support. This newly developed system has been designed and developed to assist the BOI management to successfully realize their management objectives and expectations in this regard. The new system will enhance the completeness, timeliness and the accuracy of data involved in this system and provide effective computer support in an efficient manner to quota management staff to perform their routine activities as well as the management planning and decision making process involved in the management of quota.

The new system will minimise the need for handling a large volume of documents manually and facilitate easy retrieval information in a speedy manner with less human involvement. The effectiveness of the new system has been checked thoroughly to ensure its expected functionality.