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Certification for Sinhala Unicode compliant products

The Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) has published the *Sri Lanka standard Sinhala character code for information interchange SLS 1134; 2004*. This standard contains provisions for storage, retrieval, and machine to machine communication in Sinhala, provisions to co-exist with other languages specified in international standards, and also a keyboard layout. SLS1134 is compatible with the international standard Unicode.

The ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) spearheaded the adoption of SLS 1134 compliant Unicode Sinhala in all Sinhala documents, e-mail, web sites, etc.

ICTA recommends that all organizations procuring Sinhala products should obtain SLS1134; 2004 compliant products.

ICTA has also initiated the setting up of *SLS 1134; Part 2: 2004 – Requirements and Methods of Test* by the SLSI, through which products may be certified as being compliant with SLS1134; 2004.

The test method covers the following categories of products.

- I. Sinhala support software with or without keyboard
- II. Fonts
- III. Computer systems preloaded with Sinhala
- IV. Application software
- V. Web sites

Organizations with hardware and/or software products supporting Sinhala are strongly encouraged to have their products certified as compliant with SLS 1134; 2004.

To certify their products, such organizations should contact:

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Phone: 2672612, 2671567
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ICTA will be reimbursing the initial application processing fee for Companies registered in Sri Lanka, from 2007-06-01 to 2008-05-31, after receipt of the certification.

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