

# MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

## Financial Instructions No 3 of 2009

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From: **Financial Secretary**

To: **Supervising Officers and Accounting Officers of Ministries and Departments**

### Virement

The purpose of this Financial Instructions is to clarify the application of Virement mentioned in paragraph 3 of Financial Instructions No 1 of 2008.

2. A Virement may be effected without the prior approval of MOFEE in the following circumstances:-

**(i) Within a Sub-programme:**

From one item of expenditure to another item of expenditure, subject to the restrictions as per paragraph 3(3) of Financial Instructions No 1 of 2008.

The Virement shall not form part of the limit for cumulative re-allocations of 5% authorized as per Paragraph 3(2).

**(ii) From a Maintenance item to another Maintenance item**

(a) From a 'Maintenance item' (8 digit code) in the Expenditure class 'Maintenance' to another 'Maintenance item' in the same expenditure class within the same Sub-Programme.

(b) From a "Maintenance item" of a Programme/Sub-Programme to another "Maintenance item" of another Programme/Sub-Programme, subject to the Virement not impacting adversely on the preservation, as nearly as possible, of the original state of the non-financial asset falling under the item from which the Virement is effected.

The Virement from a Programme/ Sub-Programme to another Programme/Sub-Programme shall form part of the ceiling of 5% that can be effected by Ministries/Departments.

3. **Virement on “acquisition of a non-financial asset” item to “acquisition of another non-financial asset” item**

*To replace Paragraph 3(4) as follows:*

From an item of expenditure of acquisition of non-financial asset to another item of expenditure of acquisition of non-financial asset within a Programme/Sub-Programme,

**or**

From an item of expenditure of acquisition of non-financial asset of a Programme/Sub-Programme to another item of expenditure of non-financial asset of another Programme/Sub-Programme, to the extent the Virement:

- (a) does not exceed 5% of the appropriation of the Sub-Programme/Programme in respect of such assets;
- (b) is in respect of an approved investment project included in the ‘Government Investment Projects’ document and is within the approved project value.

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