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TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND OTHER SENIOR EMPLOYEES OF **CORPORATIONS** 

It has come to the attention of this office that some ministries are not following the laid down procedures in regard to appointment and deployment of senior officers from one state corporation to another and particularly in by-passing the Board of Directors of state corporations.

The power to recruit staff of state corporations including the chief executive is vested with the Board of Directors of the state corporations as provided for by both Section 5(3) of the State Corporations Act and Regulation 4(2)(b) of the State Corporations (Performance Contracting) Regulations, 2004. Where in exceptional cases appointment or transfer of officers of state corporations is extremely necessary, such appointment or transfer shall be made only through this office and on the advice of the State Corporations Advisory Committee as provided for under Section .27(1)(c) of the State Corporations Act.

Following the introduction of performance contracts in the management of state corporations, application of good corporate governance principles is inevitable and paramount if state corporations are to achieve the targets set in their performance contracts. It is therefore reiterated that Boards of state corporations should be allowed to operate with some degree of autonomy and independence and be responsible for appointing their staff competitively

including the Chief Executive officer as per this office circular letter Ref. OP.CAB.9/1A of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

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