In case where the consignment will not be subjected to pre-shipment sampling the endorsement "NOT SELECTED FOR SAMPLING" will be made on the both copies of CUSDEC Forms. If any consignment is selected for sampling the respective security copy of the CUSDEC Form will not be accepted by the Customs for processing until the stipulated period of two working days (48 hours) from the time of lodgement of the CUSDEC Form at the Tea Export Section has lapsed.

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- In instances where the consignment are not selected for sampling, the relevant security copy of the CUSDEC Form will be accepted by the Customs for processing documents.
- ii. Tea Export Section of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, will carry out sampling of export consignments where necessary within the stipulated 48 hour period mentioned above. After the expiry of the 48-hour period, the security copy of the CUSDEC Form will be accepted by the Customs for processing documents even if the sampling of the consignment had not been carried out by the Tea Export Section.
- The consignments, which are selected for pre-shipment sampling but are not packed and available for sampling within the stipulated 48 hour period is detailed below.
- a). The Tea Commissioner will make the endorsement "SUBJECT TO PRE-SHIPMENT SAMPLING- ONLY FOR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES" on both the Tea Board copy and the security copy of the CUSDEC Form enabling the exporter to finalize all documentation formalities of the customs well in advance even though the consignment is not packed and ready for shipment. The Customs, in turn will make an endorsement "NO BOAT NOTE TO BE PASSED UNTIL THE SHIPMENT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD" on the security copy of the CUSDEC Form.
- b). At the time the consignment is fully packed and ready, the exporter should re-lodge the security copy of the CUSDEC Form confirming the readiness of the consignment for sampling indicating the location of the consignment.
- c) Further to drawing of samples, an endorsement "SAMPLES DRAWN SHIPMENT AUTHORIZED" will be made on the security copy of the CUSDEC Form by the Tea Commissioner enabling the exporter to move the consignment to the Port after necessary Customs checks.