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TC/E/R/P - 2010.

15<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director,  
Registered Exporter of Tea.

Sir,

**EXPORTATION OF TEA**  
**PREPERATION OF CUSTOMS GOODS DECLARATION (CUSDEC)-FORM 53**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HARMONIZED COMMODITY DESCRIPTION AND**  
**CORDING SYSTEM (HSC CODE)**

This refers the Circular No TC/EX/HS dated 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 addressed to all registered exporters of tea by the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) on the subject of AMENDMENT OF H.S.CODE RELATED TO TEA. This is further refers the Customs Notification - Revenue Protection Order No.01/2010 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1656/9 of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 under the Revenue Protection Act No.19 of 1962, implemented with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

02. Having verified the CUSDECs forwarded to the Sri Lanka Customs along with the relevant export documents by exporters of tea for exportation of tea through the Sri Lanka Tea Board it is revealed that the information furnished therein have not compatible with the newly introduced HSC Codes which are published in the aforesaid Gazette. Due to this primary error appeared in the CUSDECs, tea exports data disseminated by the Customs are shown inaccurate picture on the teas exported from Sri Lanka. Therefore it has been decided to issue this circular indicating specific instruction for entering of HSC Codes in CUSDEC relating to the classification among the national sub-divisions according to the specific description indicated against each sub-divisions of the Gazette Notification. The main objective of this circular is to identify teas exported from Sri Lanka under specific category and gather accurate statistical data. Therefore all exporters of tea shall follow the instructions laid down herein with immediate effect to avoid any unnecessary delays at the point of authorizing CUSDEC for exportation of tea.

03. Harmonized Systems Codes (HS Codes) relating to tea are appended below; (Extracted from the Gazette Extraordinary No 1656/9 of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and inserted with more details)

HS Heading	HS Code	Description	Category of packing/ Net Weight
0902	-	TEA	-
	0902.10	Green Tea (Not Fermented) in immediate packing not exceeding 3kgs	Net weight Up to 3kg
		<b><i>In immediate packing of a content not exceeding 4 gram</i></b>	Tea Bags Up to 4grams
	0902.10.11	Certified by Sri Lanka Tea Board as wholly of Sri Lankan origin Green Tea-, flavoured	Tea Bags

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