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30th August, 1984.

To: All Registered Tea Manufacturers

Dear Sir/Madam,

Payment of a Reasonable Price for Green Leaf
purchased by Tea Factories

Reference is requested to my Circular Letter No. MF/BL.60 of 6th February 1984, regarding the formula for calculating the reasonable price payable for green leaf.

2. The Government has decided to adopt the following measures in order to ensure proper payment to green leaf producers by Licensed Dealers:

- (i) Each Licensed Dealer in green leaf shall be attached to one Bought Leaf factory for the purpose of supplying his collected leaf for manufacture. However, he could deliver leaf to more than one factory by explaining such necessity and obtaining prior approval from the Tea Commissioner. In unavoidable circumstances, such as any breakdown in the manufacturing process in the allotted factory, a Licensed Dealer may deliver the leaf collected by him to any other factory with the consent of the manufacturer of that factory. He should inform the Tea Commissioner of such delivery with relevant details;
- (ii) Every Licensed Dealer should submit once a fortnight, to the factory allotted to him, a list of suppliers containing their names and addresses, the registered number of the tea lands, and the quantity of leaf supplied by each of them;
- (iii) Every Licensed Dealer should obtain in duplicate, receipts for payment made by him to green leaf suppliers and submit the duplicates of such receipts to the factory concerned.

3. Commencing from the month of October 1984, you should inform in writing, every supplier who has delivered leaf to the factory direct or through a Licensed Dealer, the quantity of green leaf supplied by him during the previous month and the rate payable per kilogramme of leaf. (Specimen form attached).

4. In this connection, your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Tea Control Act, No. 51 of 1957, wherein Registered Manufacturers purchasing green leaf are required to maintain a Register on Form TC.15 giving details of leaf purchased and obtain declarations on Form TC.19 in support thereof. These documents should be maintained daily and made available for inspection whenever required by field officers of this Department and the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority.

5. You are also kindly requested to retain the lists of leaf suppliers and the duplicate receipts which are delivered to you by the Licensed Dealers for a period of one year, and produce them for inspection whenever required. You should also ensure that the correct rates are paid to your leaf suppliers in terms of my circular letter No. MF/BL.60. Specimen form of receipt to be obtained is attached.

6. Also, please inform me on or before 10th September 1984, the approximate manufacturing capacity for Bought Leaf at your factory, in terms of green leaf per day.

7. Please acknowledge receipt of this circular letter.

Yours faithfully

Sgd/- G.A.de Silva.
Tea Commissioner.

cc to:-

- 1. S/P.I.
- 2. Director General
- 3. Internal Auditor
- 4. General Manager - TSHDA/JEDB/SLSPC/LRC
- 5. All Field Officers.

Sri Lanka Tea Board