

# SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

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Tea Commissioner's Division  
574, Galle Road, Colombo 3  
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To: All Registered Importers of Tea

Regulatory Reforms – Tea Sector  
Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import & Export) Regulations – 1981  
SCHEME FOR IMPORT OF TEA FOR BLENDING &  
EXPORT THEREAFTER  
Procedures related to Export of Other Origin teas at  
the Tea Exports Section of the Sri Lanka Tea Board

On the recommendations of the Regulatory Review Task Force, Which have been approved by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the following general guidelines are issued under the above regulations.

## General Guidelines

Your attention is drawn to the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import & Export) Regulations –1981 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 134/6 of 1<sup>st</sup> April 1981 and subsequent amendments published in Gazette extraordinary Nos. 282/2 of 30.01.1984 and 467/42 of 21.08.1987.

02. Persons whose projects have been approved under these Regulations are required to adhere to the following procedure in future.

1. Import of Tea for Blending and Export

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Any registered exporters of tea under the Tea (Tax & Control of Export) Act No. 16 of 1956, who wish to import teas should be registered as an importer, under the above regulation.

ii. \* The issue of permits for import under the above scheme would be limited only for the importation of CTC teas and specialty type of teas. (Relevant Circular is annexed)

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iii. \* Permits will be issued only for teas to be imported direct from the country of origin/producer country. A Certificate of origin, and a Certificate confirming teas are free of banned pesticides or other pesticide residues should be furnished, as detailed by the line authority.

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