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TO ALL REGISTERED MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS OF TEA

Dear Sirs,

Sri Lanka Tea Board Standards/ Guidelines for Tea
Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975
Tea Control Act No 51 of 1957
Tea (Tax & Control of Export) Act No 16 of 1959
Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import & Export) Regulations 1981

Reference my previous Circular No.AL/MQS/08 of 24th April 2008 which has been replaced with this new Circular.

- 02. Sri Lanka Tea Board as the monitoring authority of quality/standard of teas exported is mandated to protect the image of Ceylon tea established globally. As you are aware, Sri Lanka Tea Board has introduced a set of standards/guidelines in year 2008 with power vested by statute and through experience in follow-up monitoring action during the past. This circular is released as a result of a number of complaints from buying countries received about contaminants and adulterants of tea exported from Sri Lanka and the comments forwarded in connection with the previous circular. As a protective measure the Tea Board has introduced and implements Standards and Guidelines for "Sri Lankan Origin Teas" and "Other Origin Teas" which are imported for re-export purposes. The Minimum Quality Standard will cover ISO 3720 for Black Tea and this standard is mandatory at the point of export of any teas.
- 03. The Guidelines pertaining to the limits indicated in the Annexure A other than the established ISO standards (i.e. Chemical contaminants, Extraneous (Foreign) matters, Microbial contaminants and Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides etc.,) should be taken only as guidelines for compliance by all registered manufacturers and exporters of Sri Lankan Origin Tea.

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