

**(b) Warehouse**

With regard to storing, blending and packing operations of tea, warehouse should have adequate space for storing of tea, blending operations and all other minimum requirements laid down in terms of the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Warehousing of Tea) Regulation 1984 as amended by the Regulations published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1280/8 of 20.03.2003.

Contract blenders and warehouse owners should restrict the issue of letters of consent for storing, blending and packing operations of tea taking into consideration of the availability of infrastructure facilities, storing capacity and space. All warehouses should have an appropriate certificate from an internationally recognized certification authority for the suitability of storing, blending, packing and exporting of tea. Letters of consents issued by sub-lessees will not be entertained. All applicants shall have valid registration under the above regulation for the premises intended to be utilized for storing of tea.

A residence or portion of a residence will not be allowed for storing or blending or packing operation of tea for export purposes.

**(IV) Staff**

Applicants for registration as exporters of tea should have at least one Tea Taster in their staff who should possess trading experience in a recognized tea exporting/brokering firm for a minimum period of 03 years. The trade experience and ability acquired will be verified by the Board. The Names of Directors and Tea Tasters should be indicated in the application.

**(V) Inspection and Interview**

The business premises, Tea Tasting Facilities and warehouse of the applicant will be inspected and the applicant will interview by the Panel appointed by the Sri Lanka Tea Board before the registration is considered.

**(VI) Registration/Renewal Fee**

Registration fee of new applicant and a renewal fee of registered exporters are appended below;

• New Applicant-----	Rs.25,000/-
• Renewal of Large Category- Holding Companies (Two or more subsidiaries)- (Over 1 Million kg per annum)-----	Rs.500,000/-
• Renewal of Large Category----- (Over 1 Million kg per annum)	Rs.250,000/-
• Renewal of Medium Category----- (Over 500,000kg and up to 1 Million kg per annum)	Rs.125,000/-
• Renewal of Small Category----- (Over 250,000kg and up to 500,000 kg per annum)	Rs.50,000/-
• Renewal of Extra Small Category----- (Less than 250,000 kg per annum)	Rs.25,000/-
• Renewal of Subsidiaries 50% of the fee of applicable category (Large/Medium/Small)	

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