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OR/1/55

30th May 2011.

All Registered Manufacturers of Tea,

Sirs,

Offering of Teas at the Colombo Tea Auction by Licensed Tea Brokers with Hand Written Marks and Numbers.

At the Board meeting held on 12th February 2011 warehousing of tea by selling brokers of tea prior to the auction and up to the collection of lots sold and identification marks and numbers on packages so stored and sold were discussed in relation to the CTTA Bye-laws and conditions of sale of tea under the Auction. It is noted that under condition 5 of the Bye-laws and conditions of sale - "***all packages should have the labeling printed/ stenciled using food quality black ink.***" But it has been observed that broker's warehouses do carry teas where **labeling is handwritten**, contravening the CTTA Bye-Laws & conditions of sale specified under condition 5.

02. The necessary directives have already been conveyed to all selling brokers of tea in terms of the provision of the Licensing of Produce Brokers (Tea) Regulation 1979.

- I. Not to accept any lot from any registered manufacturer of tea / any registered tea factory with hand written or sticker pasted marks of Inv. No/s, Garden Marks, Number of packages, Factory Registration Number, Grade etc.
- II. Not to catalogue any lot with hand written marks or sticker pasted marks of Inv. No/s, Garden Marks, Number of packages, Factory Registration Number, Grade etc.
- III. If any lot found stored in any warehouse used by any selling broker with hand written marks or sticker pasted marks it will treated as contravention of the above Regulation.
- IV. The above directives were implemented w.e.f. 01st March 2011.

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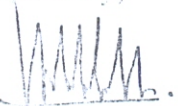
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3. The Board decided that though the above contraventions are directly connected to the selling brokers of tea who are accredited agents of registered manufacturers of tea the adherence of similar conditions specified in the said Bye-laws & Conditions is equally the responsibility of all registered manufacturers/ tea factories. You are therefore required to follow the under mentioned directives as and when made teas are offered at the auction through your selling broker/s with immediate effect.

- I. Not to deliver any lot from any registered tea factory with hand written or sticker pasted marks of Inv. No/s, Garden Marks, Number of packages, Factory Registration Number, Grade etc.
- II. If any lot found delivered and stored in any warehouse used by any selling broker on behalf of you with hand written marks or sticker pasted marks it will be treated as contravention of the Tea Control Act No 51 of 1957 and the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No 14 of 1975 and as such action in terms of the Act will be taken against such contraventions.
- III. The above directives are implemented with immediate effect.
- IV. If any lot detected with hand written or sticker pasted marks of Inv. No/s, Garden Marks, Number of packages, Factory Registration Number, Grade etc. such lots will not be allowed to be sold through approved channels.
- V. If any lot detected with hand written or sticker pasted marks of Inv. No/s, Garden Marks, Number of packages, Factory Registration Number, Grade etc. no permission is granted to repack them anywhere else other than in the respective tea factory premises.

04. Any further clarifications on the subject matter could be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

Yours truly,


H. D. Hemaratne
Director General
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Copies to:

1. Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders Association.

2. Chairman, Sri Lanka Private Tea Factory Owner's Association.
3. Chairman, The Planter's Association of Ceylon.
4. Chairman, Colombo Broker's Association.
5. Chairman, Janatha Estate Development Board,
6. Chairman, Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation.
7. Chief Executive Officer, Tea Shakti Fund.
8. Managing Director, Kalubovitiyana Tea Factories Ltd.
9. Chairman, Tea Small Holdings Development Authority.
10. Director, Tea Research Institute.
11. Acting Tea Commissioner - Please inform all Regional Officers.