

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

574, Galle Road,
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CONFIDENTIAL

To: All Registered Manufacturers of Tea

From: The Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board

INTRODUCTION OF POISONOUS SUBSTANCES
TO TEA

As you are aware, rumours are afloat that persons who wish to harm the country are attempting to introduce poisonous substances into our teas with the intention of tarnishing the image of Ceylon Tea. Hence, it is opportune for us to take special precautions now to prevent any such attempts. In order to safeguard ourselves in this matter, you are kindly requested to take the following measures :-

- (1) that special attention be paid to prevent any unauthorised persons bringing in any chemicals into the tea factory;
- (2) that no persons be permitted to consume food within the factory;
- (3) that factory personnel be well screened before they enter the factory;
- (4) that fired tea be graded as soon as possible and locked in bins. Special arrangements may be necessary in certain factories to provide extra bins;
- (5) that factory workers be selected on the basis of absolute reliability;
- (6) that all factory staff be screened and checked out with the Army or the Police in order to determine whether they are connected with the terrorist movement;
- (7) that special precautionary measures be taken to ensure that tea in transit or storage are not tampered with. You may also inform your Selling Brokers accordingly.
- (8) It will always be useful to evolve systems which will enable us to check back in case an incident occurs. Documentation should be improved so that it may be possible to identify the dates on which a particular invoice was manufactured and packed, and which members of the staff and work force were responsible for dealing with it;
- (9) The problems should be studied adequately by Superintendents and others and appropriate systems evolved.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sgd. H.D.T. Bodhidasa

CHAIRMAN
SRI LANKA TEA BOARD