

**TO : ALL IMPORTERS OF FOREIGN TEAS FOR BLENDING AND EXPORT**

Dear Sirs,

**SCHEME FOR IMPORT OF TEAS FOR BLENDING & EXPORT THEREAFTER  
IN TERMS OF THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD (IMPORT & EXPORT)  
REGULATIONS - 1981**

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Reference Circular No. TC/VI/81 dated 25th April 1989 & No. OR/1/65 dated 28th January, 1994 relating to the above Scheme.

2. Further to the above circulars, the types of teas which can be imported under the Scheme until further notice, are categorized as follows :-

(a) CTC Teas - Main grades only-commercially recognized and well graded teas.

(b) Speciality Teas - Teas that are not available in Sri Lanka having inherent special characteristics in leaf and liquor. Under this category, the following speciality teas.

DARJEELING, ASSAM, DECAFFINATED, ORGANIC, JASMINE & TOUCHA TEAS. GREEN TEAS/ OOLONG TEAS ETC.

3. Please note that permits will not be issued for importation of teas falling under the following categories.

(a) Orthodox teas not of a speciality character.

(b) Any poor quality teas.

(c) Filler Teas = (refer to teas with neutral characters).

(d) Off grade = (refer to all secondary grades, except on speciality teas with inherent characteristics).

4. Please also note that all teas to be imported should fall within the parameters of ISO 3720 which is applicable only for black tea.

5. Any clarifications relating to the above could be obtained from the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) tel-584844 or Tea Tasting Unit of the Sri Lanka Tea Board tel-593270.

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman  
SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

- 1. S/PI
- 2. DG.SL Customs
- 3. D/TPD
- 4. TC
- 5. DTC (Exports)
- 6. C/CTTA
- 7. C/CBA
- 8. SG./PA
- 9. Chairman/TEA