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TO: ALL REGISTERED EXPORTERS OF TEA

SCHEME FOR THE IMPORTATION OF TEA FOR BLENDING AND EXPORT  
THEREAFTER IN TERMS OF THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD (IMPORT AND  
EXPORT) REGULATIONS 1981 AND UNDER THE TARIFF REGIME

PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN TEA

Further to my circulars No. OR/R/49 dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2000 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001 addressed to all registered importers and exporters of tea in connection with monitoring of pesticide residue levels in other origin teas at the point of importation and exportation.

Having considered the importance of monitoring of pesticide residue levels in other origin teas to be imported to Sri Lanka exclusively for re-export under the above schemes the Cabinet approval has been granted for introduction and implementation of extensive mechanism for monitoring of maximum residue levels of pesticides in tea at the point of importation.

The procedure, which has been followed hitherto, is not sufficient enough to safeguard the image of tea to be exported from Sri Lanka as far as the pesticide residue levels are concerned in other origin teas. Hence the board decided to introduce the following procedure for implementation of 100% MRL (Maximum Residue Levels) Certification for Tea at the point of importation.

All registered exporters of tea who are involved in the importation of other origin teas under the above scheme should be required to ensure certification of MRL for pesticides at the point of importation by adopting the following requirements:-

- Submission of a certificate on Maximum Residue Level (MRL) in tea against each offer sample, which is intended for import from the country of origin. Such certificate should be obtained from an accredited laboratory under ISO 17025 in that particular country as a LC requirement.
- Annexure I attached hereto is bearing the accepted MRLs in Japan and EU could be used as a guide for the above section i.