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TO: ALL REGISTERED EXPORTERS OF TEA

Sirs,

Importation of Orthodox Teas under the Tariff Regime

On the recommendation of the Regulatory Review Task Force, which have been approved by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and the Sri Lanka Tea Board it was agreed that importation of Orthodox teas from other origins to Sri Lanka will be allowed under a very closed monitoring mechanism.

2. Teas can be imported to Sri Lanka on payment of the prevailing Import Tariff (25% according to the Customs Tariff Guide - 1999) provided the quality of teas;

- (a) are above the minimum quality standard ISO 3720 for black tea.
- (b) are free of any chemical biological or any other contamination
- (c) are free of banned pesticides or any other pesticides residues.

3. Types of teas that could be imported are orthodox teas from other origins except teas of off-grades and dust. The procedure to be adopted for the scheme for importation of orthodox teas under tariff regime from other origins is as follows:

- (i) Prior to importation, the importer should forward offer samples (each grade/standard sample) in duplicate to the Tea Exports Section of the Sri Lanka Tea Board together with the Form IT/IM/I.
- (ii) Immediately after the quality clearance of tea based on the offer samples forwarded, approval for importation will be granted.
- (iii) Immediately upon arrival of the teas at the approved warehouse, the Importer should forward the duly-filled Form IT/IM/UL to Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports). Samples will be drawn from each and every grade/invoice/standard by the Tea Board officials for comparison and examination for the stipulated standards laid down under the above procedure and approval will be given for disposal.

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