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24<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

TO ALL REGISTERED MANUFACTURERS and EXPORTERS OF TEA

Dear Sirs,

Sri Lanka Tea Board Standards/ Guidelines for Tea  
(Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975)

Sri Lanka Tea Board as the monitoring authority of quality/ standard of teas exported is mandated to protect the image of Ceylon tea established globally. This matter has been re-emphasized as a result of number of complaints from buying countries received about contaminants and adulterants of tea exported from Sri Lanka. As a protective measure the Tea Board has now finalized and implements Standards and Guidelines for "Sri Lanka Origin Teas" and "Other Origin Teas" which are imported for re-export purposes. The Minimum Quality Standard will cover ISO 3720 for Black Tea and this standard is mandatory at the point of export of any teas.

02. The Guidelines pertaining to the Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides, Microbial contaminants and extraneous matters indicated in the Annexure - A should be taken as guidelines for compliance by all registered manufacturers and exporters of tea.

03. The standards indicated in the Annexure - B should be strictly applicable for all other origin teas at the point of importation and exportation. Hence non conformity of such standards in any other origin teas will be treated as grounds for rejection of import / re export.

04. The above Guidelines and Standards are implemented with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

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