

iv. * Applications for permits to import tea should be made to the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) on the prescribed form, obtainable from the Tea Exports Branch of the Tea Commissioner's Division of the Sri Lanka Tea Board at 574, Galle Road, Colombo 3.

v. * On arrival of the Imported Tea at the Port of entry, the importer should notify the Tea Export Branch of the arrival of the consignment under each Import permit and the expected date of unloading by giving the particulars called for in annexure IB.

vi. * The Imported Tea should be transferred directly from the Port to the approved warehouse for storage. The teas should be stacked separately from all other teas with proper identification marks.

vi. * If there is any change of warehouse addresses, it has to be notified to the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) Tea Exports Branch promptly.

vii. * Immediately upon arrival of Imported Tea at the warehouse, the Importer should furnish to the Tea Exports Branch a statement of Imported Tea in annexure I/C along with copies of CUSDEC (IMP), Bill of Lading, Packing List/Weight certificate and SLPA Delivery Note within 3 days from the date of receipt. Sri Lanka Tea Board reserves the right to draw independent samples from any consignment either at the warehouse or at any other location.

viii. * Such imported teas can be utilized only after inspection of unloaded consignment, drawing of samples and examination of such samples by the Tea Board. In case teas imported are different from the teas permitted either in quality standard or grade permission will not be granted for usage.

ix. Clearing of Imports

Exporters importing tea for blending and re-export will be required to make use of the TIEP Scheme implemented by the Director General of Customs. The imports will be released either on a bank guarantee of 25% or 100% of the amount of duties and fiscal levies payable or on Company or Personal guarantee.

x. * Consignment of tea imported under the scheme, should be re-exported within a period of Nine months after such import, provided however if the Board is satisfied that such exporter is unable due to circumstances beyond his control to export such tea within such period, the Board may extend such period for them to export such tea within extended period.

xi. * At the time of importation if any excess quantity or shortage is detected, it should be notified with the relevant documents to the Tea Exports Section before inspection of unloaded consignment.