

- (i) The Tea Commissioner will make the endorsement - "SUBJECT TO PRE-SHIPMENT SAMPLING - ONLY FOR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES" on both the Tea Board copy and the security copy of the CUSDEC Form enabling the exporter to finalize all documentation formalities of the customs in advance even though the consignment is not packed and ready for shipment. The Customs, in turn will make an endorsement - "NO BOAT - NOTE TO BE PASSED UNTIL THE SHIPMENT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD" on the security copy of the CUSDEC form.
- (ii) At the time the consignment is fully packed and ready, the exporter should re-lodge the security copy of the CUSDEC Form confirming the readiness of the consignment for sampling indicating the location of the consignment.
- (iii) Further to drawing of samples, an endorsement - "SAMPLES DRAWN - SHIPMENT AUTHORIZED" will be made on the security copy of the CUSDEC Form by the Tea Commissioner enabling the exporter to move the consignment to the Port after necessary Customs checks.

1.2 Purchase of teas for export

- (i) All teas utilized for export consignments should be procured through approved channels, i.e. Auction, Private Treaty, Forward Contract & Direct Sale.
- (ii) Purchase Statement - Form PD should be submitted together with the Customs Goods declaration - CUSDEC Forms at the time of lodgement at the Tea Export Section (Circular No. TC/E/VI/8(IV) dated 20th June 1994). A specimen format is attached herewith. In case the purchases are through Private sale/ Direct sale, copies of Panel valuation certificate / or ratification certificate should be furnished.

1.3 Minimum Quality Standard - ISO 3720 at the Point of Exports

- (i) All teas prepared for exports should be above ISO standards for Black tea and Green Tea, free of any contamination and suitable for exports. No authorisation will be given for export of tea which does not comply with the required quality parameters.
- (ii) If the Government analyst's Department confirms that any teas prepared for export by any registered exporter of tea in any form are below the Minimum Quality Standard and/or are contaminated, such analytical cost will be recovered from the exporter concerned.
- (iii) If the Government Analyst's Department confirms that any teas which have been stored by registered exporters of tea intending to utilize them for export purposes or otherwise, are below the Minimum Quality Standard and/ or are contaminated, such analytical cost will be recovered from the exporter concerned.
- (iv) If the Government Analyst's Department confirms that any teas which have been received from overseas are below the Minimum Quality Standard, contaminated or with excessive amount of iron filings or any other extraneous matters, such analytical costs will be recovered from the exporter concerned.