

REGISTERED POST

No.MF/BL.67  
Sri Lanka Tea Board  
Tea Commissioner's Division  
P.O. Box 363  
Colombo 1.

31st December, 1985.

Dear Sir,

Manufacture of Made Tea of Good Quality

I wish to bring to your notice that for the past 11 months of 1985, the net sale average price of tea sold by your factory at the Colombo Auctions has always been below the net elevational average price. This performance is considered quite unsatisfactory and disappointing. These poor prices indicate that the quality of the tea produced in your factory has been constantly below average, which has resulted in suppliers of green leaf to your factory receiving prices well below the average price received by small-holders in that elevational category.

2. It is very important that you take necessary action to improve the quality of teas manufactured at your factory, by improving the standard of processing. You should also exercise control on the standard of leaf permitted to be processed in your factory.

3. I wish to inform you that the performance of your factory will be closely monitored by me in the coming months. Please therefore make every effort to improve the quality of teas offered for sale.

4. I also wish to bring to your notice the following provision under Section 8(2) of the Tea Control Act, No.51 of 1957:-

"The Commissioner may cancel the registration of any tea factory if he is satisfied, after such enquiry as he may deem necessary, that the building or equipment, or manner of operation of such factory is not of a standard conducive to the manufacture of made tea of good quality."

5. If the performance of your factory fails to show any improvement, I will be reluctantly compelled to take action in terms of the above provision.

6. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. G.A. de Silva

TEA COMMISSIONER.

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| 2. Director General                           | } | Sri Lanka Tea Board |
| 3. Internal Auditor                           |   |                     |
| 4. Secretary, Planters' Association of Ceylon |   |                     |
| 5. All Field Officers.                        |   |                     |