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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

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காலி வீதி, கொழும்பு, இலங்கை
Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka.

Ref: OR/1/87

01st September 2011

TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE ANALYTICAL LABORATORY

Sirs,

**CHARGES FOR TESTING OF TEA SAMPLES AT THE ANALYTICAL
LABORATORY OF THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD**

This refers the section III of our Circular No. OR/1/87 dated 06th August 2010 addressed to all registered Exporters of Tea, Importers of Tea, Packers of Tea and Warehouse Owners of Tea under the caption 'Levy of Fees & Charges for Board's Services'.

02. It is observed that tea sample/s forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis, by most of the customers are adopted their own methods and therefore the Analytical Laboratory not in a position to carryout required analysis and issue test certificates due to lack of information. In order to streamline the procedure for submitting the sample/s for obtaining required test certificate/s from the Analytical Laboratory of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the following procedural steps are introduced with applicable charges for each test.

The chargers for each test are appended below;

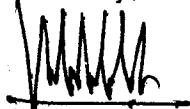
<u>Type of Analysis</u>	<u>Charges per sample, (Rs.)</u>
A. ISO 3720 Standards tests for tea	
1. Determination of moisture	1000.00
2. Determination of water extract	800.00
3. Determination of total ash	1000.00
4. Determination of water soluble ash	1000.00
5. Determination of acid in-soluble ash	1000.00
6. Determination of alkalinity of water soluble ash	1000.00
7. Determination of crude fiber	2500.00
Rate for all 1 to 7 tests mentioned above	7500.00
B. Chemical analysis tests (Qualitative)	
8. Determination of cyanide	800.00
9. Determination of arsenic	800.00
10. Determination of pH in tea brews	500.00
C. Toxic/ heavy metal analysis tests (Qualitative)	
11. Determination of copper residues	1800.00
12. Determination of lead residues	1800.00
13. Determination of iron residues	1800.00
14. Determination of zinc residues	1800.00
15. Determination of cadmium residues	1800.00
Rate for all 11 to 15 tests mentioned above	8000.00

<u>Type of analysis</u>	<u>Charges per sample, (Rs.)</u>
D. Physical examination tests	
16. Determination of iron magnetic admixture	1000.00
17. Determination of siliceous matter content	2000.00
18. Determination of basic radiation	1500.00
19. Sieve analysis/tea dust analysis	1500.00
20. Detection of added colors/ dye matter	3500.00
21. Detection of used/ exhausted tea	2800.00
22. Microscopical examination (each under a to h)	1500.00
a. Microscopical appearance	
b. Particle appearance	
c. Tea stalks	
d. Dead insects	
e. Alive insects	
f. Part of foreign plants/dead debris	
g. Foreign matter	
h. Mould growth/ visible moulds	
23. Certification on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	1000.00
(Only for Sri Lankan origin teas)	
E. Microbiological analysis tests	
24. Total Plate Count	2000.00
25. Yeast & Mould Count	2000.00
26. e-coli test for tea	3500.00
27. Coliform test for tea	3500.00
28. Issuing of fresh certificate over a cancelled report	200.00

02. In order to carry out those tests you are required to forward;
- I. Tea sample/s each 100grm net weight in a sealed container with consumer pack bearing all identification mark/s and number/s.
 - II. In case of microbiological analysis of tea, it is compulsory to use sterilized utensils for sampling from the teas stored.
 - III. Duly completed application form annexed hereto (Form AL/T)
 - IV. Letter of request describing the test requirements with documentary evidence in support of the request for each certificate.
 - V. Payment for test/s either by cheque drawn in favour of the "Sri Lanka Tea Board" or by cash to the Finance Division of Sri Lanka Tea Board.
 - VI. Prior to make the payment it is necessary to obtain authorization from the Assistant Director (Laboratory).

04. If any further clarification on the above, please contact the Assistant Director (Laboratory) on telephone/fax: 94-11-2581576 and e-mail: labsltbl23@yahoo.com

Yours truly,



H. D. Hemaratne
Director General
For Chairman

- Copy to:
1. Chairmen, Tea Exporters Association
 2. Chairmen, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
 3. Acting Tea Commissioner, Tea Commissioner's Division
 4. Deputy Tea Commissioner, Tea Export's Section.