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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE TEA RESEARCH BOARD   
ACT, NO. 52 OF 1993

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :–

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Tea Research Board | Short title. |

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| **2.** | Section 5 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of | Amendment of section 5 of the Act, No. 52 of 1993. |
| 1993 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (*a*), of | |

the following paragraph:–

“(*a*) to conduct, assist and encourage scientific and technological research in, and investigations of, all matters pertaining to the production and manufacture of tea, including the prevention and control of diseases and pests affecting tea, conservation of soil in tea lands, quality of fertilizer used, maintaining the quality of tea planting material, assessing and dealing with the impact of climate change and diversification of tea products; and to disseminate and publish at its discretion, the results of such research to the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority established by the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No.35 of 1975, to tea small holders, large scale estate sector and to other stakeholders;”.

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| Amendment of section 6 of the principal | **3.** | Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| amended as follows:- | |

enactment.

(1) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (*j*)   
 thereof, of the following new paragraph:-

“(*k*) (i) to prevent the import of any tea planting   
material except under the authority of   
a Plant Importation Permit issued to the   
Director of the Tea Research Institute   
by the Director General of the   
Department of Agriculture under the   
Plant Protection Act, No. 35 of 1999   
and in the case of export, to issue a   
phytosanitary certificate on the request   
of the country of import;

(ii) For the purpose of this paragraph “ tea   
planting material” includes any kind   
of planting material that may be   
capable of being used directly as   
propagules including cuttings, shoots,   
scions, stumps, seeds, in vitro cultures   
(micro propagules) or any kind of plant   
material that can be regenerated to   
produce plants indirectly, including   
any form of somatic or reproductive   
tissue, organ and also germplasm,   
improved variety, cultivar, wild form   
of tea from any living portion of any   
tea plant capable of being used for   
propagation;”; and

(2) by renumbering paragraphs (*k*), (*l*), (*m*), (*n*) and (*o*)   
 as paragraphs (*l*), (*m*), (*n*), (*o*) and (*p*) of that section.

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| **4.** | Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of section 7 of the principal  enactment. |
| amended by the repeal of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following:- | |
| “(*b*) | the following nominated members appointed by |

the Minister, namely –

(i) a representative of the Ministry of the   
 Minister in charge of the subject of   
 Plantation Industries, nominated by that   
 Minister;

(ii) a representative of the Ministry of the   
 Minister in charge of the subject of   
 Finance not below the rank of a Senior   
 Assistant Secretary, nominated by that   
 Minister;

(iii) a representative of the Sri Lanka Tea   
 Board established by the Sri Lanka Tea   
 Board Law, No.14 of 1975, nominated   
 by such Board;

(iv) a representative of the Tea Small   
 Holdings Development Authority   
 established by the Tea Small Holdings   
 Development Law, No. 35 of 1975,   
 nominated by such Authority;

(v) two members nominated by the Minister   
 in charge of the subject of Plantation   
 Industries from amongst persons having   
 sufficient knowledge and experience in   
 research and development in the   
 Agricultural Sector;

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(vi) a representative of the Planters'   
 Association of Ceylon established by   
 the Planters' Association of Ceylon   
 Ordinance (Chapter 291), nominated by   
 such Association;

(vii) two members representing the Trade   
Unions, who shall be selected on such   
criteria as may be determined by the   
Minister in charge of the subject of   
Plantation Industries;

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph  
“Trade Unions” shall have the same   
meaning as in the Trade Unions   
Ordinance (Chapter 138);

(viii) a representative of the Sri Lanka   
Federation of Tea Small Holdings   
Development Societies established   
under the Tea Small Holdings   
Development Law, No. 35 of 1975,   
nominated by that Federation; and

(ix) a representative of the Sri Lanka Tea   
 Factory Owners’ Association, nominated   
 by that Association.”.

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| Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency. | **5.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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