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**TEA SMALL HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT LAW No. 35 OF 1975 OF THE
NATIONAL STATE COUNCIL**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 22, read with Section 15 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Law No. 35 of 1975.

MAHINDA SAMARASINGHE,
Minister of Plantation Industries.

Colombo.

Regulations

Tea Small Holdings Development Authority (Planting of Tea) Subsidy Regulations 1989, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 576/18 of September 22, 1989, and as last amended by Regulation published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1209/9 of November 5, 2001 and by Regulation published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1701/1 of April 11, 2011 are hereby further amended as follows:

1. by the substitution for regulation 3 thereof, of the following regulations ;

“3(1) the amount of subsidy payable for the entirety or any specified part of a tea small holding or other tea holding suitable for planting vegetatively propagated tea plants on a permit issued with effect from January 1, 2012 shall be Rs. 1,50,000 in respect of each hectare in the area to be planted and may be paid in the following manner :-

- (a) the first instalment of Rs. 50,000 per hectare may be paid for the eradication of the existing tea plants and other vegetation and adoption of necessary soil conservation measures in the area to be planted with tea ;
- (b) the second instalment of Rs. 15,000 per hectare may be paid after six (6) months for growing grass for the rehabilitation of the soil in the area to be planted with tea ;
- (c) the third instalment of Rs. 15,000 per hectare may be paid after eighteen (18) months for growing grass for the rehabilitation of the soil in the area to be planted with tea ;
- (d) the fourth instalment of Rs. 70,000 per hectare may be paid for the completion of the planting of tea.

(2) The amount of subsidy payable in respect of a permit issued for planting vegetatively propagated tea plants under this regulation prior to January 1, 2012 and the validity of which has not expired shall be the same as specified at the time of issue of such permit and/may be paid in the manner specified therein”

2. by the substitution for regulation 4 thereof, of the following regulation :

“4 The amount of subsidy payable for replanting, the entirety or any specified part of a tea small holding or other tea holding with vegetatively propagated tea plants, where the land is prepared in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Authority, shall be Rs. 3,00,000 in respect of each hectare of the area to be replanted and may be paid in five instalments in the following manner :-

- (a) the first instalment of Rs. 80,000 per hectare may be paid for eradication of the existing tea plants and other vegetation and adoption of necessary soil conservation measures in the area to be replanted with tea ;
- (b) the second instalment of Rs. 30,000 per hectare may be paid after six (6) months of growing grass for the rehabilitation of the soil in the area to be replanted with tea ;
- (c) the third instalment of Rs. 45,000 per hectare may be paid after eighteen (18) months of growing grass for the rehabilitation of the soil in the area to be replanted with tea ;
- (d) the fourth instalment of Rs. 1,15,000 per hectare may be paid on the completion of the replanting ;
- (e) the fifth instalment of Rs. 30,000 per hectare for the satisfactory maintenance of the replanted tea plants for a period of one year.”

3. by the substitution for regulation 5 thereof, of the following regulation :

“5 (1) The instalment of subsidy payable in respect of the permits to be issued for replanting of tea small holdings with effect from January 1, 2012 may be paid at the rates specified in regulation 4.

(2) The amount of subsidy payable in respect of permits issued for replanting of tea small holdings with vegetatively propagated tea plants prior to January 1, 2012 and the validity of which has not expired shall be the same as specified at the time of issue of such permit and may be paid in the manner specified therein.”

4. by the substitution for regulation 6 thereof, of the following regulation :

“6. In computing the amount of subsidy payable where the area to be planted or replanted is less than one hectare in extent or where such area includes a part which is less than one hectare, the rates specified in paragraph (1) of regulation 3 and regulation 4, as the case may be, as are applicable to the extent or part of the area, shall apply in the proportion that such extent or part of the area bears to one hectare.”

5. by the substitution for regulation 8 thereof, of the following regulation :

“8. The instalment of subsidy payable under regulation 3 or regulation 4 or regulation 5 thereof may be fully or partly paid as an advance or as material assistance.”