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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW, No. 14 OF 1975

REGULATIONS made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries.

I. O. K. G. FERNANDO,
Secretary,

Ministry of Plantation Industries.

Colombo, 31.03.1981.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import and Export) Regulations, 1981.
2. These regulations shall apply to — *the business undertakings of*
 - (a) the import of tea for the purpose of:
 - (i) blending;
 - (ii) blending and packeting;
 - (iii) blending and packeting into tea bags, and
(iv) ADDING VALUE INTO SPECIALITY TEAS AND.
 - (b) the export of such tea thereafter.
3. No person shall engage in the business undertakings referred to in regulation 2 unless such business undertaking has been approved by the Export Development Board, with the concurrence of the Sri Lanka Tea Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").
4. No imports of tea shall be permitted for the purposes specified in regulation 2 unless such tea is to be used thereafter exclusively for export.
5. No person engaged in any approved undertaking shall import or export teas under these regulations except under the authority of a permit issued by the Board.
6. Every application for a permit under these regulations shall be made to the Board in such form as may, from time to time, be required by the Board for the purpose.

7. No person engaged in any approved undertaking shall be issued a permit to import tea under these regulations unless the Board is satisfied that such person has suitable premises, an adequate organisation and financial resources for engaging in such approved undertaking.

8. Every person engaged in any approved undertaking to whom a permit is issued under these regulations for the import of any tea shall export such tea within a period of six months after such import.

Provided however if the Board is satisfied that such person is unable due to circumstances beyond his control to export such tea within such period, the Board may extend such period and such person shall export such tea within the extended period.

9. The Board may, upon application made in that behalf for the export of tea under these regulations, issue a permit if—

(a) the tea for which the export permit is applied for, was purchased at a recognised tea auction or from approved sources in the country of origin and was imported in accordance with the import permit issued under these regulations;

(b) the imported tea is blended with any tea purchased within Sri Lanka, and such tea has been purchased at the Colombo tea auctions or from any other source approved by the Board; and

(c) the price at which the tea is exported is in the opinion of the Board reasonable taking into consideration the cost of the tea, the duty payable, handling and other charges and the nature of the market.

10. No person engaged in any approved undertaking to whom a permit is issued under these regulations shall import or export or arrange to import or export under the authority of such permit, tea of a quality, grade or standard different from that described in such permit.

11. If a person to whom a permit is issued contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations, the Board may revoke or suspend such permit.

12. Where tea is exported in packets, cans, canisters, tea bags, or any other retail containers, the content of local tea expressed as a percentage of the total content of tea in such packets, cases, canisters, tea bags or any other retail containers shall be clearly stated on the outer cover. If the packets, cans, canisters, tea bags or any other retail containers contain only of imported tea, the outer cover shall carry the caption "Imported Tea packed in Sri Lanka".

13. (a) The content of the Sri Lanka tea in the tea exported under these regulations shall be subject to export duty in force at the time.

(b) No duty shall be levied on the content of the imported tea.

14. Every person who exports tea under these regulations shall notify in writing of such export to the Board within fourteen days of the actual export.

15. All retail packets, cans, canisters, tea bags or any other containers of tea of any description exported under this scheme shall be registered with the Board.

16. Every person who engages in any approved undertaking shall comply with such directions and requirements, as may be issued by the Board from time to time, and shall maintain such records as are required by the Board.

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17. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board under these regulations may, within fourteen days of the communication of such decision, appeal in writing to the Minister against such decision and the Minister may allow or disallow the appeal in whole or in part.

18. Every person who contravenes any provisions of these regulations or fails to comply with any such regulation or furnishes false information or returns to the Board or its officers or servants shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

19. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

Approved undertaking means any business undertaking referred to in regulation 2 and has been approved by the Export Development Board with the concurrence of the Sri Lanka Tea Board.

"Tea" means tea manufactured from leaves, leaf buds and immature stalks of the plant *Cammellia Sinensis* (L) O Kuntze and includes black tea and green tea but does not include refuse tea.

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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW, No. 14 OF 1975

REGULATION made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975, with the concurrence of the Minister in-charge of the subject of Trade and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries.

SECRETARY,
Minister of Plantation Industries.

Colombo, 17th August, 1987.

Regulation

The Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import and Export) Regulations 1981, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 134/6 of April 01, 1981, as last amended by regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 282/2 of January 30, 1984, are hereby further amended as follows:—

(1) by the substitution for regulation 12 thereof, of the following regulation:—

12. Where imported tea is blended and packed for export in packets, cans, canisters, tea bags or any other retail container or as bulk blends, such retail container or bulk packaging shall carry the caption "Packed in Sri Lanka" on the outer cover.

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Secretary,
Ministry of Plantation Industries.

Colombo, 20.01.1984.

Regulations

The Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import & Export) Regulations 1981 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 134/6 of April 01, 1981, are hereby amended as follows:

(1) by the substitution for regulation 12 thereof, of the following regulation:—

Where imported tea is blended with local tea and packed for export in packets, cans, canisters, tea bags, or any other retail container or as bulk blends such retail container or bulk packaging shall have the wording "A blend of Ceylon and other teas packed in Sri Lanka" on the outer cover. If packets, cans, canisters, tea bags or any other retail containers or bulk blends contain only imported tea, such container or bulk packaging shall carry the caption "Imported Tea Packed in Sri Lanka" on the outer cover.

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THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW, No. 14 OF 1975

REGULATIONS made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries.

Secretary,
Ministry of Plantation Industries.

Colombo, 19.01.1984.

Regulations

1. The Tea Subsidy (Manufacture) Regulations, 1966, published in Gazette No. 14,716 of October 7, 1966, as amended by regulations published in Gazette No. 14,843 of February 28, 1969 and deemed to be made under section 28 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975, are hereby rescinded, with effect from March 16, 1983.

2. Notwithstanding the rescission of the Tea Subsidy (Manufacture) Regulations, 1966—

the instalment falling due for payment in respect of subsidy on interest on any sum of money obtained on loans approved by the Tea Commissioner prior to the date of such rescission, shall be paid at the rates specified in such regulation.

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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW, No. 14 OF 1975

REGULATIONS made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries.

B. A. C. ABEYWARDENA,
Chairman,
Sri Lanka Tea Board.

09th October, 2006,
Colombo.

Regulations

The Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import and Export) Regulations 1981 published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 134/6 of April 01, 1981 as last amended by regulations published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 467/42 of August 21, 1987, are hereby further amended as follows :-

1. in regulation 2 thereof—

(a) by the substitution for the words “shall apply to” of the words “shall apply to the business undertaking of”;

(b) by the addition of the following new paragraph, immediately after sub paragraph (iii), of paragraph (a), :-

“(iv) adding value into speciality teas, and”

2. by the repeal of the regulations 3 and substitution therefore of the following regulation :-

“3. No person shall engage in the business undertaking referred to in regulation 2 unless such business undertaking has been approved by the Sri Lanka Tea Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”).”

3. by the repeal of paragraph 5 and substitution therefor of the following paragraph :-

“5. No person engaged in any approved business undertaking shall —

- (a) import tea except under the authority of a permit issued by the Board ;
- (b) export tea except under the authority of a Customs Goods Declaration (hereinafter referred to as the ‘CUSDEC’) authorized by the Board”.

4. in regulation 8 thereof by the substitution for the words “six months”, of the words “nine months”.

5. in regulation 9 —

- (a) by the substitution for the words commencing from “The Board may” up to the words “issue a permit if” of the words “The Board may where CUSDEC is submitted for the export of tea under these regulations, authorize such CUSDEC for such exportation if” ;
- (b) in paragraph (a) of that regulation by the substitution for the words “the tea for which the export permit is applied for” of the words “the tea in respect of which a CUSDEC was submitted” ;

6. by the repeal of the regulation 10, and the substitution therefor of the following regulation :-

“10. A person to whom —

- (a) a permit is issued under these regulations shall not import or arrange to import under the authority of such permit :-
 - (i) tea of a quality, grade or standard, different from that described in such permit ; or
 - (ii) teas which do not conform to the minimum quality standard required by the Board or teas which are subject to any contamination of any form ;
- (b) authority is given under these regulations to export tea, shall not export or arrange to export under such authority :-
 - (i) tea of a quality, grade or standard different from that described in the Customs Goods Declaration ; or
 - (ii) teas which do not conform to the minimum quality standard required by the Board or teas which are subject to any contamination of any form.”.

7. by the repeal of the regulation 12, and the substitution therefor of the following regulation :-

“(12) Every packet, can, canister, tea bag or any other retail container or bulk packaging which contains tea imported blended and packed for export, shall carry the caption “A blend of Ceylon tea and tea of other origin packed in Sri Lanka” or any other caption approved by the Board which shall be compatible with the aforesaid narration, on the outer cover.” ;

8. in regulation 18 thereof, by the substitution for the words “One Thousand Rupees” of the words “Ten Thousand Rupees” ;

9. by the repeal of the regulation 19 and the substitution therefor of the following regulation :-

“19. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires”

“approved business undertaking” means any business undertaking referred to in regulation 2 and has been approved by the Board under the provisions of regulation 3 ;

“tea” means, tea manufactured from leaves, leaf buds and immature stalks of the plant *Camellia sinensis* (L) O.kuntze and includes black tea and green tea but does not include refuse tea.” .

“speciality teas” means teas defined as such by the expert panel of tea tasters appointed by the Board ;

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Importation of Orthodox Teas under the Tariff Regime

On the recommendation of the Regulatory Review Task Force, which have been approved by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and the Sri Lanka Tea Board it was agreed that importation of Orthodox teas from other origins to Sri Lanka will be allowed under a very closed monitoring mechanism.

2. Teas can be imported to Sri Lanka on payment of the prevailing Import Tariff (25% according to the Customs Tariff Guide - 1999) provided the quality of teas;

- are above the minimum quality standard ISO 3720 for black tea.
- are free of any chemical biological or any other contamination
- are free of banned pesticides or any other pesticides residues.

3. Types of teas that could be imported are orthodox teas from other origins except teas of off-grades and dust. The procedure to be adopted for the scheme for importation of orthodox teas under tariff regime from other origins is as follows:

- Prior to importation, the importer should forward offer samples (each grade/standard sample) in duplicate to the Tea Exports Section of the Sri Lanka Tea Board together with the Form IT/IM/I.
- Immediately after the quality clearance of tea based on the offer samples forwarded, approval for importation will be granted.
- Immediately upon arrival of the teas at the approved warehouse, the Importer should forward the duly-filled Form IT/IM/UL to Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports). Samples will be drawn from each and every grade/invoice/standard by the Tea Board officials for comparison and examination for the stipulated standards laid down under the above procedure and approval will be given for disposal.

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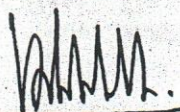
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- (iv) At the time of importation, the importer should furnish a certificate from an approved organization conforming that the teas are free of banned pesticides or any other pesticides residues, together with Certificate Of Origin.
- (v) In case, the shipper intends to re-export the teas imported, Customs Goods Declaration (CUSDEC) Form should be forwarded to the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) together with the following documents:
 - (a) Certified copies of Invoice and Bill of Lading pertaining to Importation.
 - (b) Copy of blend sheet indicating the usage of imported teas.
- (vi) Packages of export consignment should only carry the narration "Packed in Sri Lanka" No permission will be granted if they are labeled as "Pure Ceylon Tea" (Sri Lanka) or purport to imply this. The use of "Lion Logo" will not be permitted on packages.
- (vii) Teas imported under the above scheme be stacked separately from the teas imported under Sri Lanka Tea Board (Import & Export) Regulations 1981 and Sri Lankan origin teas.
- (viii) Disposal of teas imported under the above scheme should be declared with details to the under-signed on monthly basis.
- (ix) The importer should maintain separate stock account for the teas imported and disposed under the Scheme.
- (x) All consumer packs intended to be utilized for sale of other origin teas should be registered at the Tea Board prior to utilizing them.
- (xi) Re-export of the teas imported under the Scheme in any form are exempted from Sri Lanka Tea Board Cess.
- (xii) In case teas imported are not in conformity with the quality parameters or the quality is in variance with the original samples such teas will not be permitted for utilization.

4. Any clarification relating to the above could be obtained from the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports) Telephone: 504090 or under signed. (Tel. 580182)

Yours faithfully,



H.D. Hemaratne
Tea Commissioner
Sri Lanka Tea Board

- CC:
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 2. Director General of Customs, dept. of Sri Lanka Customs
 3. Chairman, CTTA
 4. Chairman, CBA
 5. Chairman, Tea Exporters' Association
 6. Tea Commissioner
 7. Director, Tea Promotion Division
 8. Deputy Tea Commissioner (Exports)