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Government Notifications

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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 confirm 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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