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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 paragraph (g) of 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.

10th January, 2008.
Colombo.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No. 01 of 2008.

2. The construction and operation of tea factories in terms of the provisions of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 shall be carried out in conformity with the minimum standards, guidelines and criteria specified in these regulations.

3. Every person proposing to construct a tea factory shall-

- (a) ensure that the land on which such factory is to be constructed is not subject to floods;
- (b) ensure availability of green leaf in the proposed area of operation to sustain a minimum of 75% of approved factory volume of production;
- (c) carry out in terms of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, an Environmental Impact Assessment of the land proposed to be used for the construction of the tea factory, in order to ascertain the feasibility of the land for such purpose;
- (d) ensure that the supply of electricity to the tea factory proposed to be constructed shall be obtained from the national grid or by means of mini hydro power or dendro power;
- (e) construct the proposed factory in accordance with an architectural building design;

(f) obtain the approval of the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, for the layout of machinery and equipments in the proposed factory and ensure that the placement of machinery and equipments is in compliance with such approval.

4. The machinery proposed to be installed in any tea factory being constructed in accordance with these regulations shall have a minimum capacity to match the average drier capacity, i.e. Twelve hours firing time.

5. The estimated average annual production capacity of the proposed factory shall not exceed the approved annual production capacity of the factory by more than ten (10) per centum of such approved capacity.

6. Every factory constructed in accordance with these regulations shall, prior to commencing operations, obtain from the Commissioner General of Labour of the Department of Labour in terms of the Factories Ordinance No. 45 of 1945 (Chapter 128) including all subsequent amendments a Certificate confirming that the factory conforms to the required health and safety standards prescribed under the aforesaid Ordinance.

7. The minimum standards applicable to construct and operate new tea factories as determined by the Sri Lanka Tea Board (hereafter referred as "Board") and other relevant authorities pertaining to the tea industry, time to time shall be observed by the expert panel appoint by the Board and convey their observations and recommendations to the Board.

8. Any person who is aggrieved by any decision of the Board under this regulation may within 14 (fourteen) days after the communication of such decision appeal in writing to the committee to be appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Plantation Industries. The committee may totally or partly either allow or not allow the appeal which shall be final.

9. For the purposes of these regulations Commissioner General of Labour shall mean the person for time being holding the office of the Commissioner General of Labour.

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