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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 read with sections 5B and 5C of this Act, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries.

Chairman,

Sri Lanka Tea Board.

Colombo,
27th day of October, 2010.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Collection of Levy for Tea Promotion and Marketing Strategy) Regulations, No. 01 of 2010.

2. From and after November 1, 2010, the provisions of these regulations shall be operative in relation to all forms of tea exports, irrespective of the category and type of tea exported.

3. (1) A sum of rupees three and cents fifty (Rs. 3.50) on every kilogram of tea shall be levied from every registered exporter of tea, at the time at which the Customs Goods Declaration (CUSDEC) (Form 53) is authorised permitting the exportation of such tea, by the Director-General of the Sri Lanka Tea Board.

Provided that an exporter of tea who has paid the levy imposed by this regulation but who is subsequently unable to execute any export order of tea, may claim a refund of such sum from the Director-General of the Tea Board upon the production of the following documents :—

- (a) documentary evidence in support of the fact that no tea on order, relating to the relevant CUSDEC was exported ;
- (b) reasons for the non-execution of the order ;
- (c) the original receipt relating to the payment of such amount ;
- (d) a written guarantee in respect of —
 - (i) the fact that the consignment under reference has not been exported in any other manner ; and
 - (ii) the fact that no teas described in the Blend Sheet quoted in the CUSDEC have been procured by him.

(2) The amount levied in terms of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be paid only by the exporter of tea and not by either the tea grower or tea manufacturer.

4. All sums collected in terms of the provisions of regulation 3, shall be credited to a designated account as is determined by the Sri Lanka Tea Board and form part of the Capital Fund of the Board.

5. On the coming into operation of these regulations, the moneys lying to the credit of the Sri Lanka Tea Board in the designated account referred to in regulation 4, shall be used exclusively by the Board for the purpose of engaging in activities related to tea promotion and marketing strategy, within and outside Sri Lanka Provided that the Sri Lanka Tea Board shall cause to be conducted in such manner as is determined by it, a periodic review by persons who are stakeholders of the tea industry, of the progress made in this regard, once in every two years.

6. In these regulations,

"registered exporter of tea" means an exporter registered in terms of the provisions of the Tea (Tax and Control of Exports) Act, No.16 of 1959 ;

"Sri Lanka Tea Board" means the Sri Lanka Tea Board established under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 ; and

"tea" means tea manufactured from leaves, leaf buds and immature stalks of the plant *Camellia Sinensis* (L) O.kuntze and includes black tea, green tea, oolong tea, decaffeinated tea, instant tea, tea based ready to drink products, but shall not include refuse tea.