



TEA BOARD
14, Biplabi Trailokya Maharaj Sarani
Kolkata - 700001

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As per paragraph 3 of Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 no distributor shall carry out the business of distributing imported tea and no exporter shall export teas or export imported tea except under a business license obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

As per paragraph 22 of the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 no distributor shall distribute tea which is not packed & marked in the manner provided under this order or which is adulterated or the label or container bears false or misleading or which is not in conformity with the specifications for tea given in clause (v) of paragraph 2 of the Control Order.

It has come to the notice of the Licensing Authority that teas are being imported for distribution in India without any valid license and/or which are not in conformity with the specification as laid down under clause (v) of paragraph 2.

Therefore in exercise of the power vested under paragraph 34 of the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 the following directives are issued for immediate compliance:-

- a. All importers importing teas into India for distribution in India shall inform about the place of storage of such imported tea to the nearest Tea Board Office within 24 hours of entry of such teas into India.
- b. Origin and/or contents of such imported teas must be specified at each stage of distribution.
- c. No such imported teas shall be passed off as teas of Indian origin.

Random samples may be collected, at the cost of the Board, from the stock of such imported teas meant for distribution in India for the purpose of ascertaining whether such samples conform to the requirements laid down for tea or not.

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(Siddharth)
Chairman Tea Board
Licensing & Registering Authority