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Sub: Declaration of tea waste -reg.

As per para 3A of the Tea (Waste) Control Order, 1959, there shall be a minimum volume of tea waste and made tea at the ratio of 2:100 kilograms when processed out of tea leaves, buds and tender stems of plant *Camellia Sinensis* (L) O Kuntze. The said provision was challenged by certain stakeholders in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and as on date the minimum percentage of tea waste to be generated during manufacturing process of tea is 0.2% in place of 2%.

In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the generation of tea waste in judicious manner is directly proportional to the manufacturing of quality tea and accordingly all tea manufacturers are advised to ensure generation of tea waste in such a manner leading to production of quality tea and not limiting to the extent of minimum stipulated percentage, i.e., 0.2% for the sake of declaration. This will enable the Indian tea to achieve high quality equipotent to the international standard in a constant manner.

At present, tea waste is being utilized as raw material for producing instant tea, bio-fertilizer and caffeine. However, in order to streamline the usage of tea waste Board is in process of allowing tea waste only for production of instant tea or for export purpose. Tea waste other than export and for manufacturing of instant tea should either be destroyed or composted by the manufacturers. Necessary amendment proposal of Tea (Waste) Control Order, 1959 in this respect shall be made soon to Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Board has also decided to channelize selling of entire tea waste through electronic auction. Accordingly, all the producers are requested to offer tea waste generated by them entirely through auction w.e.f. 1st April, 2024. The unsold waste should be destroyed or composted without fail.

The content of this letter may be brought to the knowledge of all concerned for compliance.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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Controller of Licensing

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