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Ref. No.12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/ ९१०

Dated 24/01/2024

**ORDER**

1. Whereas in exercise of powers conferred under clause 13(3) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, an Order Ref. No.12(17)/LC/2008/Part-III/803 dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 was issued by the Licensing & Registering Authority of Tea Board, inter alia, in respect of the last date of plucking/receiving of green tea leaves and its last date of processing by the tea manufacturing units in the region of North Bengal including Sikkim & Darjeeling Hills for the season ending December, 2023 for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturing unit.
2. Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to be commenced from the next cropping season in the year 2024 after the winter **dormancy** of the tea bushes is over and the tea bushes start producing tea leaf/sprouting buds afresh.
3. Whereas, suggestions/feedbacks have been heard/received from the Industry stakeholder, scientific Institution for stipulating a suitable timeline of starting of the current cropping season's tea manufacturing in accordance with the natural cropping pattern of the tea bushes.
4. Therefore, in continuation to the Order referred above in Sl. No.1, the following directives are hereby issued for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturers and producers of the Dooars, Terai, Bihar, Sikkim & Darjeeling Hills, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand regions:

Sl. No.	Details	Plantation Regions	Date of implementation
1	Commencement date of plucking/receiving of green leaves for all the tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing for the year 2024.	Dooars, Terai & Bihar	12/02/2024 (Monday)
2		Darjeeling Hills & Sikkim	01/03/2024 (Friday)
3		Himachal Pradesh	08/03/2024 (Friday)
4		Uttarakhand	08/03/2024 (Friday)

5. Gardens which have adopted pruning / other cultivation practices other than traditional method and except early crop / as well as manufacturers of orthodox, green and specialty teas, may seek exemption from respective office of the Board.
6. Officers not below the rank of Assistant Director of Tea Development are authorized to issue exemption sought for, if any, after due field verification and intimation to Head Office of the Board. While issuing such exemptions, the Officers shall take into account pruning practices, irrigation facilities, early rains which might lead to early flushing and flushing pattern.

  
Deputy Chairman, Tea Board &  
Licensing Authority

**Distribution:**

1.	All Tea Producer Associations of concerned region	For information and circulation amongst members for strict compliance
2.	All Bought Leaf Tea Producers Associations of concerned region	
3.	All Small Tea Growers Association of concerned region	
4.	All Regional/Sub-Regional offices of Tea Board Siliguri, Jalpaiguri and Palampur	For circulation amongst all stakeholders and follow up for compliance of the order
5.	Director of Tea Development, Tea Board	For information
6.	System Analyst, Tea Board	For uploading in Board's website