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In exercise of powers conferred under clause 13(3) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, the following Orders have been issued by the Registering Authorities for mandatory compliance by all Tea Manufacturers :

No. 12(71)/LC/2007/(Part-III)/11812, dated 31.10.2018, whereby the following directives have been issued to tea manufacturers in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand:

Sl. No.	Details	Date of implementation
i.	Last date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories	15.12.2018
ii.	Last date of processing Green Leaf at the factory for all units	16.12.2018
iii.	Last date for intimation/declaration to Tea Board by all tea manufacturing units regarding closure of their manufacturing	17.12.2018
iv.	Last date for completion of sorting, gaping, packing (CTYC & Orthodox/Green tea) and moving the packed teas to notified packed tea storage area with invoice marking	27.12.2018 (for CTC tea manufacture) 31.12.2018 (for Orthodox / Green tea manufacturer)

No. 7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1946, dated 31.10.2018, whereby the following directives have been issued to tea manufacturers in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur :

Sl. No.	Details	Date of implementation
i.	Last date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories	10.12.2018
ii.	Last date of processing Green Leaf at the factory for all units	11.12.2018
iii.	Last date for intimation/declaration to Tea Board by all tea manufacturing units regarding closure of their manufacturing	12.12.2018
iv.	Last date for completion of sorting, gaping, packing (CTYC & Orthodox/Green tea) and moving the packed teas to notified packed tea storage area with invoice marking	20.12.2018 (for CTC tea manufacturing) 30.12.2018 (for Orthodox / Green tea manufacturing)

No. 7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/2167, dated 03.12.2018, in partial modification of order No. 7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1946, dated 31.10.2018, whereby the following directives have been issued to tea manufacturers in Cachar Region (districts of Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj and Dima Hasao) of the State of Assam and the State of Tripura :



यदि आप अपना पत्र हिन्दी में लिखेंगे तो उतनी ही जल्दी जवाब मिलेगा, जितना कि अंग्रेजी में लिखने से मिलता है।

चाय पियो मस्त जियो ! Chai piyo mast jiyo !

Sl. No.	Details	Date of implementation
i.	Last date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories	17.12.2018
ii.	Last date of processing Green Leaf at the factory for all units	18.12.2018
iii.	Last date for intimation/declaration to Tea Board by all tea manufacturing units regarding closure of their manufacturing	19.12.2018
iv.	Last date for completion of sorting, gaping, packing (CTYC & Orthodox/Green tea) and moving the packed teas to notified packed tea storage area with invoice marking	30.12.2018 (for CTC tea manufacturing) 10.01.2019 (for Orthodox / Green tea manufacturing)

Manufacturing of tea from banjhi leaves and pruning litters after onset of winter dormancy in the tea bush, results in made tea that is devoid of the quality as prescribed under Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standard & Food Additives) Regulation, 2011 and not adhering to the definition of tea as stipulated under the Tea Act 1953. Such bad quality tea produced in violation of FSSAI norms during winter season has caused considerable damage to the name and reputation of Indian tea amongst discerning consumers both nationally and in the International Market. Indian tea is known for its quality, flavor, aroma, briskness and creamy mouth feel and presence of such bad quality tea in the market has become an impediment in increasing the export of Indian tea.

As per section 10 of the Tea Act, 1953, one of the mandates of the Board is to take necessary steps for improving the quality of Indian tea. Moreover, as per provisions of Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, made tea has to conform to the specifications laid down under the Food Safety Standard Authority Act, 2006 (34 of 206) or any other law for the time being in force. Every consignment of tea meant for export has to be as per the specification of paragraph 2(v) of the Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 2005.

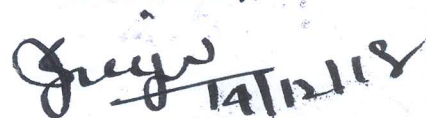
The three directives as referred to above are in consonance with the Rules as laid down in the above cited orders and it requires the cooperation of all stakeholders to make India, the leading producer and supplier of quality tea in the global market.

Representations are being received from tea manufacturers citing various reasons for extension of last dates / cut off dates for the various operations under the Orders referred to above which cannot be acceded to.

Issues regarding packing and sorting of green tea are being referred to the Executive Director of the Board at Guwahati and to Deputy Directors of the Board at Siliguri, Jalpaiguri and Palampur for disposal on a case to case basis.

For any change in time lines in future, the matter will be referred to the tea producers associations, research institutes and Industry bodies for suggesting suitable modifications in December 2019 (next season).

Yours faithfully,



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Secretary

To

All Tea Producer Associations in North India
All Bought Leaf Manufacturing Associations in North India
All Small Tea Growers Associations
All Offices of the Tea Board in North India