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Notification

In order to maintain quality image, the Central Government in exercise of the power conferred by sub-sections (3) and (5) of the Tea Act, 1953 (Act no. 29/1953) has promulgated the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 to ensure the quality of tea as per the prescribed national and international standards.

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 2(q) of the said Order, the Chairman, Tea Board is the Licensing Authority under the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 24 of the said Order, the Licensing Authority has the power to inspect the tea consignment prior to export;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 25 of the said Order, the Licensing Authority has the power to prevent shipment of tea from India;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 26 of the said Order the Licensing Authority has the power to register export Contract;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 29 of the said Order, the Licensing Authority has the power to take samples either through any officers of the Tea Board or through inspection agency;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 33 of the said Order, every exporters or distributors shall carry out the directions issued by the Licensing Authority or any officers of the Board not below the rank of Joint Controller of Licensing duly authorized by the Licensing Authority or by any inspection Agency;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 34 of the said Order the Licensing Authority has the power to issue directives with regard to adherence of contractual obligation, maintenance of requisite quality of tea and packing materials as well as or any matter relating to tea shipments, including stoppage and recall of shipment for violation of any of the provision of this Control Order or any of the matter relating to import or export of tea;

AND WHEREAS, as per paragraph 35 of the said Order the Licensing Authority has the power to enter and search at any time any land, building premises, vessels, aircraft or plant or machinery upon or in which the Licensing Authority has reason to believe that tea stored, carried, distributed or sold in contravention of the provision of this Order and may seize any tea or product of tea which appears to be stored, carried, distributed or sold in contravention of the provision of this Order;

NOW, therefore in order to assist and advice the Board in ensuring export of tea as per the prescribed standards, the Licensing Authority of the Board hereby constitutes a committee to be known as Tea Council of South India (TCSI) to advise the Board on issues as per the terms of reference detailed in Annexure I.

Sd/-
(P. K. Dash)
Secretary-In -Charge

Annexure I

The Tea Council of South India (TCSI)

1 **Composition:**

The TCSI consists of the following members:

- a. The Executive Director, Tea Board- Coonoor office ; Chairman
- b. Mr. N. Dharamaraj;
- c. Mr. Ulhas Saraf;
- d. Mr. D Hegde;
- e. Mr. Mathew. C George;

2. **Tenure:** The initial tenure of TCSI shall be two years from the date of its formation. The committee shall be reconstituted as and when necessary to fill up the vacancies arising out of resignation or incapacity.

3. **Jurisdiction:** The Tea Council of South India shall have the jurisdiction over the tea meant to be exported through the following ports:

- a) Kochi,
- b) Tuticorin,
- c) ICD, Coimbatore,
- d) Mumbai,
- e) Goa

and such other Airports situated in South India from where tea is also exported and all the tea warehouses situated in the state of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

4. **Terms of References:**

The Council shall

A. Monitor of tea exported from South India

B. Monitor tea and tea waste imported and exported thereafter through the aforesaid ports

C. Monitor the storage facilities for tea meant for export from South India.

For effective monitoring the committee may cause random inspections, as per the procedure laid down in the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 2005, Tea Warehousing (Licensing) Order, 1989 and Tea Waste (Control) Order, 1959.

D. Rating of Exporters/Export Houses

5. **Expenses of the Committee:** The expenses towards inspection, testing fees incurred by the Committee shall be borne by the Board.

6. **Submission of Report:** The Committee shall submit report to the Chairman, Tea Board on the initiatives/action taken as per the terms of reference every month.