

# Stick to food safety norms, tea industry told

## Workshop on Food Safety and Standard Regulations held

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**UDHAGAMANDALAM:** A workshop on Food Safety and Standard Regulations- 2011 was jointly organised by Tea Board of India and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Coonoor on Friday.

The Executive Director, Tea Board, R. Ambalavanan who presided over the meeting said that the objective was to familiarise all the stakeholders with food safety norms.

Stating that they should be adhered to strictly, he said that under the new rules any one in the supply chain can be hauled up for compromising on quality.

**Fine**

Expressing the hope that it would keep adulterators and those engaged in the sale of coloured tea at bay, he said that a stiff fine can be imposed on those who flouted the rules.

Research Officer, Tea

Board, Anirban Basu Majumder, urged the stakeholders to get themselves registered under the regulations.

Principal Counsellor, CII, Indrani Ghose, listed the hazards vis a vis food safety in tea. She also explained the procedures and modalities

that should be followed by the tea planting community for obtaining licenses.

In addition to maintaining a high standard of hygiene and sanitation, records should be maintained properly. Consumer awareness should be accorded high pri-

ority. CII Counsellor Pratyasha Chakravarty, said that the factories should adopt good manufacturing and hygiene practices.

Among the participants of the workshop were tea manufacturers, growers, buyers, and traders.

