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Circular No. 118/2022-23

30th January, 2023

TO : ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Commencement of Plucking / Manufacturing Operations in Season 2023

This is further to the Association's Circular No. 67/2022-23 dated 12th September, 2022 informing members about the directive of the Tea Board with regard to the cut-off dates for closure of manufacturing operations in the season 2022.

Members are informed that Tea Board has now issued two Orders viz. Order Nos. 12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/356 dated 25.01.2023 and 7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1116 dated 27th January, 2023 with regard to **commencement of plucking/manufacturing operations for the ensuing Season 2023**. Details of the Orders are :

Sl No.	Order No.	Details	Applicable Regions/States	Date of Implementation
1	12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/356 dtd 25.01.2023	Starting date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing in 2023 <i>(Tea Board has stated that manufacturers producing orthodox/specialty teas can commence operations earlier in terms of Tea Board Order No. 12(17)/LC/2008/P-III dated 16.01.2023)</i>	Dooars, Terai & Bihar Darjeeling Hills & Sikkim	18 th February, 2023 27 th February, 2023
2	7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1116 dtd 27.01.2023	Starting date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing in 2023 <i>(Tea Board has stated that producers making orthodox /specialty teas can commence operations one week ahead i.e. 6th February, 2023)</i>	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur	13 th February, 2023

Members are advised to note their respective timelines and schedule their operations accordingly. Copies of the Tea Board Orders under reference are attached for members' information and ready reference.


S. Patra
Secretary (Export & Market Promotion)

Copy to : All ITA Branches and Zones

Encl : As stated



Ref. No.12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/ 356

Dated 25/01/2023

ORDER

- 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/213 dated 12th September 2022 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 seasons ending December, 2022 for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturing unit.
- Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to be commenced from the next cropping season in the year 2023 after the winter dormancy of the tea bushes is over and the tea bushes start producing tea leaf/sprouting buds afresh.
- 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.
- Therefore, in continuation to the Order referred above at 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.	Starting date of plucking/receiving of green leaves for all the tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing for the year 2023	Dooars, Terai & Bihar	18/02/2023 (Saturday)
2.		Darjeeling Hills & Sikkim	27/02/2023 (Monday)
3.		Himachal Pradesh	06/03/2023 (Monday)
4.		Uttarakhand	06/03/2023 (Monday)
5.	The producers who would make orthodox/specialty teas can commence the said activity as per earlier Order Ref. No. 12(17)/LC/2008/P-III dated 16.01.2023.		


Dy. Chairman, Tea Board &
Registering Authority

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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 Tea Development, Tea Board	For information
6.	System Analyst, Tea Board	For uploading in Board's website

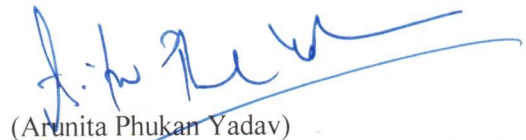
Ref:7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/116

Dated 27th January 2023

ORDER

1. Whereas in exercise of powers conferred under clause 13(3) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, an Order Ref. No.7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/ dated 12th September 2022 was issued by the Executive Director & Registering Authority of Tea Board, North East Zone, 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 North East region for the seasons ending December, 2022 for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturing units.
2. Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to commence from the next cropping season in the year 2023 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 SI. No.1, the following directives are hereby issued for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturers and producers of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur region.

SI No	Details	Plantation Regions	Date of Implementation
1	Starting date of plucking/receiving of green leaves for all the tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing for the year 2023.	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur	13.02.2023 (Monday)
2	The Producers who would make orthodox/speciality teas can commence the said activity a week ahead of 13 th February 2023, i.e.06 th February 2023.		



(Arunita Phukan Yadav)

Executive Director & Registering Authority
North East Zone

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3	All Small Tea Growers Association of North Eastern Region	
4	All Regional/Sub-Regional offices of Tea Board , North Eastern Region	For circulation amongst all stakeholders and follow up for compliance of the order
5	The Deputy Chairman, Tea Board	For kind information
6	The Director Tea Development , Tea Board	
7	The Controller of Licensing , Tea Board	
8	The System Analyst , Tea Board	For uploading in Board's website.