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TO: ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Tea Board Circular on Generation and usage of Tea Waste

Members are informed that Tea Board has issued Circular No. 12(82)/LC/2009/295 dated 15.01.2024 vide which it has made certain declaration / proposed amendments in regard to generation and usage of Tea Waste as follows :

- Generation of Tea Waste should not be limited to the extent of minimum stipulated percentage i.e. 0.2%. Rather, in terms of the Order of the Hon'ble Madras High Court, it should be done in such a manner that production of quality tea is not compromised.
- Tea Board is in the process of allowing Tea Waste to be utilized only for manufacturing of instant tea or for export.
- Tea Waste other than export or for manufacturing of instant tea should either be destroyed or composted by the manufacturers. In this regard, necessary amendment proposal of Tea (Waste) Control Order 1959 will be made by the Commerce Ministry.
- Tea Board has decided to channelize selling of entire Tea Waste generated by manufacturers through electronic auction w.e.f 1st April 2024. The unsold waste, if any, should be destroyed or composted by the manufacturers.

A copy of the Tea Board Circular mentioned above is enclosed for members' information and compliance.

Debasish Chakravarti
Secretary

Encl: As stated

Copy to - Export Promotion & Marketing Sub Committee