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Circular No. 99/2023-24

31st January, 2024

TO : ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Commencement of Plucking / Manufacturing Operations in Season 2024

This is further to the Association's Circular No. 73/2023-24 dated 9th October, 2023 informing members about the directive of Tea Board mandating the cut-off dates for closure of manufacturing operations in the Season 2023.

Members are hereby informed that Tea Board has now issued two Orders viz. Order Nos. 12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/310 dated 24th January, 2024 and 7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1093 dated 30th January, 2024 with regard to **commencement of plucking/manufacturing operations in Season 2024**. Details of the Orders are :

Sl No.	Order No.	Details	Applicable Regions/States	Date of Implementation
1	12(17)/LC/2008 /P-III/310 dtd 24.01.2024	Starting date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing in 2024	Dooars, Terai & Bihar	12 th February, 2024
			Darjeeling Hills & Sikkim	1 st March, 2024
2	7(15)/GHY/TMC O/2003/1093 dtd 30.01.2024	Starting date of plucking / receiving of green leaves for all tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing in 2024	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur	14 th February, 2024

Tea Board has stated that manufacturers adopting pruning / other cultivation practices other than traditional method as well as manufacturers of Orthodox, Green and Specialty teas may seek exemption from the respective office of Tea Board.

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.


D. Chakravarti
Secretary

Copy to : Chairman, Vice Chairman and Addl. Vice Chairman, ITA
All Regional Committees, ITA
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Encl : As stated

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Ref. No.12(17)/LC/2008/P-III/ ९१०

Dated 24/01/2024

ORDER

1. 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/803 dated 6th October, 2023 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 season ending December, 2023 for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturing unit.
2. Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to be commenced from the next cropping season in the year 2024 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 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	Commencement date of	Dooars, Terai & Bihar	12/02/2024 (Monday)
2	plucking/receiving of	Darjeeling Hills & Sikkim	01/03/2024 (Friday)
3	green leaves for all the	Himachal Pradesh	08/03/2024 (Friday)
4	tea factories for commencement of tea manufacturing for the year 2024.	Uttarakhand	08/03/2024 (Friday)

5. Gardens which have adopted pruning / other cultivation practices other than traditional method and except early crop / as well as manufacturers of orthodox, green and specialty teas, may seek exemption from respective office of the Board.
6. Officers not below the rank of Assistant Director of Tea Development are authorized to issue exemption sought for, if any, after due field verification and intimation to Head Office of the Board. While issuing such exemptions, the Officers shall take into account pruning practices, irrigation facilities, early rains which might lead to early flushing and flushing pattern.


Deputy Chairman, Tea Board &
Licensing Authority

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

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Ref:7(15)/GHY/TMCO/2003/1093

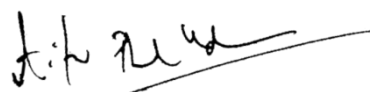
Dated 30th January 2024

ORDER

- 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/2003/632 dated 6th October 2023 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, 2023 for mandatory compliance by all the tea manufacturing units.
- Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to commence from the next cropping season in the year 2024 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 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 2024.	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Manipur	14.02.2024 (Wednesday)

- Gardens which have adopted pruning / other cultivation practices other than traditional method and except early crop / as well as manufacturers of orthodox, green and specialty teas, may seek exemption from respective office of the Board.
- Officers not below the rank of the Assistant Director of Tea Development are authorised to issue exemption sought for, if any after due field verification and intimation to North East Zonal Office of the Board. While issuing such exemptions, the Officers shall take into account pruning practices, irrigation facilities, early rains which might lead to early flushing and flushing pattern.



(Arunita Phukan Yadav)

Executive Director & Registering Authority
North East Zone

Distribution:

1.	All Tea Producer Associations of North Eastern Region	For information and circulation amongst members for strict compliance.
2	All Bought Leaf Tea Producer Associations of North Eastern Region	
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.