



Public Notice

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Permission for advanced plucking of first flush teas for orthodox tea manufacture

With reference to the orders issued by the Competent Authority of the Board vide No. 12(71)/LC/2007/(Part-III)/11812, dated 31.10.2018 and no. 9(45)/DTD/2018 dated 19.12.2018 and subsequent public notices dated 16.01.2019, 25.01.2019 and 01.02.2019, it is to inform that the Committee of Experts have visited some tea estates in West Bengal and have found signs of first flush leaf in several sections of the estates visited.

In view of the above, based on the recommendation of the Committee of Experts, it is informed that those tea estates in the States of West Bengal and Bihar which have first flush tea leaves and are desiring to manufacture orthodox, green and speciality teas, may, resume the plucking operations starting from 08.02.2019 and manufacturing from 09.02.2019. However the leaf so harvested must be utilized only for the purpose of manufacturing orthodox tea, green tea and speciality tea. Manufacture of CTC teas from such leaves is not permitted. The dates for complete resumption of plucking and manufacturing remains the same as stated in the order dated 19.12.2018 cited above, i.e. 11.02.2019 for the States of West Bengal and Bihar and 28.02.2019 for the States of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Ref. no. 9(43)/DTD/2018