ORDER

1. Whereas, in exercise of powers conferred under clause 13(3) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, Order vide No. 12(71)/LC/2007/(Part-III)/11812, dated 31.10.2018, have been issued by the Deputy Chairman, Tea Board & Registering Authority, inter alia, in respect of the last date of plucking / receiving of green leaves and last date of processing green leaf at the factory for the manufacturing season ending December 2018, for mandatory compliance by all Tea Manufacturers.

2. Whereas, plucking of tea leaf and manufacturing of tea will have to be commenced from the next cropping season in 2019 after the winter dormancy of the tea bush is over and the bushes starts producing tea leaf afresh.

3. Whereas, suggestions / feedbacks have been heard / received from the Industry Stakeholders and consulted with for stipulating a suitable timeline of starting of the next cropping season / manufacturing in accordance with the natural cropping pattern of the tea bush

4. Therefore, in continuation to the above referred Order as mentioned at Sl. No. 1, the following directives are hereby issued for mandatory compliance by all Tea Manufacturers:

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Distribution:

1. All Tea Manufacturers of the concerned regions
2. All Tea Producer Associations of the concerned regions
3. All Bought Leaf Manufacturers Associations of the concerned regions
4. All Small Tea Growers Associations of the concerned regions
5. DDTD, Tea Board, Siliguri, Jalpaiguri and Palampur : for wide circulation among all tea manufacturers, tea associations, District Green Leaf Price Monitoring Committee and necessary follow up for compliance of the Order
6. The Director of Tea Development, Tea Board.