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This is in continuation with this office Circular Reference No. 12(17)/LC/2008/Part-III Dated 4th January, 2022 under new accelerated scheme guidelines for setting up of new tea manufacturing units or enhancement of made tea production capacity of the existing manufacturing units.

In this context, it has been noticed by the Board that several applications have been received through online for setting up of new tea factory/capacity enhancement of the existing tea units, where the estate factories are found to procure more than 51% leaf from outside. As per the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 (TMCO, 2003), Bought leaf tea factory" means a tea factory which sources not less than fifty-one percent of its tea leaf requirement from other tea growers during any calendar year for the purpose of manufacture of tea. Therefore, these factories although situated within the estate are falling under the purview of BLF category by definition since majority of their green leaf procurement is from small growers.

The matter was referred to both Licensing Committee (North and South) meeting held on 28th January, 2022 and Board meeting held at Kaziranga, Assam on 2nd February, 2022. The Hon'ble members of the Board have agreed with the proposal stating that if the outsourcing of green leaves of an estate factory is found to be 51% and above, the said factory should be re-categorized as bought leaf factory.

In view of the above, Board has decided to re-categorize the estate factories procuring more than 51% tea leaf from outside as bought leaf factory as applicable.

This may please be brought to the notice of all registered members under your jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajanigandha Seal Naskar)
Controller of Licensing

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