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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the SOP issued by the Board in continuation of Tea Board Directive No. 01/2026, dated 10.02.2026, regarding Import of Tea into India, the following amendments are hereby made:

1. The point 3 of SOP shall be replaced with “ The exporter shall upload the complete packaging design, indicating the Country of Origin, through which the imported teas will be re-exported at the time of submission of the application for obtaining the Clearance Certificate prior to export, and not at the initial stage of import.”
2. The point 17 of SOP shall be replaced with “ Export of imported tea shall achieve 50% value addition. Value addition for this purpose shall be $V.A=100 \times (A-B)/B$ where V.A stands for value addition, A stands for FOB price of tea exported and B stands for unit CIF price of Imported tea.”
3. The testing sample shall be drawn as a composite blended sample of the same tea type from the various teas within the selected container. These samples will then be blended proportionately to represent the consolidated shipment and sent to the enlisted NABL approved lab for testing of FSSAI parameters.
4. In the event of failure of the composite blend as above, the importer may request Tea Board to conduct laboratory testing of each individual or invoice at the importer's own cost.
5. In the event of sample failure, the importer shall have the option to return the consignment to the same country and the same buyer as specified in the invoice.
6. Instant Tea and Ready-to-Drink (RTD) tea shall be exempted from the sampling requirements.
7. The point 5 of SOP shall be replaced with “Upon arrival of the import consignment, Tea Board Official, at the concerned port area, within 24 hours, shall draw two sets of samples from any container out of a batch of five containers. The container for drawing the sample will be selected randomly by Tea Board Official. Further if the sample is not drawn by Tea Board Official within 24 hours the same will be collected from the warehouse where the imported teas will be stored”.
8. All other provisions of the SOP issued by the Tea Board vide dated 10.02.2026 shall remain unchanged.

(C.Murugan)

Licensing Authority & Deputy Chairperson

To,

All Licensees issued under Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 - for information and strict compliance.



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3	Executive Director, Tea Board Guwahati and Tea Board Coonoor	For information and necessary action
4	Controller of Licensing	For information and necessary action
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