



TEA BOARD
14, Biplabi Trailokya Maharaj Sarani
Kolkata - 700001

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NOTIFICATION

As per sub-para(iii) of Paragraph 6 of the Food Safety Standard (Packaging & Labeling) Regulations, 2011, where an article of food is imported into India, the package of food shall also carry the name and complete address of the importer in India and where any food article manufactured outside India is packed or bottled in India, the package containing such food article shall also bear on the label, **the name of the country of origin of the food article and the name and complete address of the importer and the premises of packing or bottling in India.**

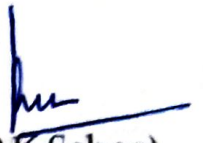
As per records of the Board, 60.35 M.kgs of teas have been imported into India in the last three years out of which only 23.43 M.kgs have been re-exported which underlines the fact that the rest 36.92 M.kgs of imported teas have been sold in India.

As per paragraph 3 of Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 no distributor shall carry out the business of distributing imported tea and no exporter shall export teas or export imported tea except under a business license obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

As per paragraph 34 of Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005, the Licensing Authority can issue any direction relating to import and export of tea.

Since it has come to notice of the Board that **teas imported into India are sold without complying, Food Safety Standard (Packaging & Labeling) Regulations, 2011**, all such licensees who have been issued with Licenses under paragraph 3 of Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 are hereby directed to forthwith comply Paragraph 6 of the Food Safety Standard (Packaging & Labeling) Regulations, 2011 while

distributing imported tea in India failing which appropriate action would be taken as per the provisions of Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005.



(P.K.Sahoo)

Deputy Chairman Tea Board &
Licensing Authority

To

All Licensees under Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005

Copies:

Controller of Licensing	For information & necessary action
DDTP (ND)	For information
All respective Associations of Producers, Traders, Packers	For information & circulation amongst members
System Analyst Tea Board	For uploading in the Website of the Board