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The Chairman  
Sri Lanka Tea Board

Attention – Director (Promotion)

**Notice to all Ceylon tea exporters to China**

It has been noticed recently that a repeated mistake on tea product registration with GACC SingleWindow system is being made by some Ceylon tea exporters who later seek assistance from our Embassy when their cargoes are held up by China Customs. (This has happened four times in recent months.)

According to GACC regulation, **all food products shall be registered before export to China. In particular, the shipment date shall be after the product registration date.** However, it is noticed that some Ceylon tea exporters have wrongly registered their product information, but they only realize the error after their cargoes have reached China and been held up by China Customs. And then they seek to edit their product information in the system for updating.

However, the problem remains after the product information is updated, as the product registration date is updated to the latest editing date. Again it is a violation of the aforementioned GACC regulation. As a result, the import cargo declaration is rejected by GACC.

Our embassy has been sending Note Verbales requesting GACC to release the cargoes which face these issues. And GACC has been accepting our requests and temporarily modified the product registration dates as a courtesy. Nevertheless, we should take precautions to avoid making similar mistakes so as not to harm the reputations of Sri Lanka Ceylon tea exporters with GACC.

Please recheck your product registration details with the following;

- 0902101000999 花茶 Scented tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902109000101 绿茶 Green tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902109000102 白茶 White tea (also known as Silver tip), inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902201000999 花茶 Scented tea, inner packing > 3kg
- 0902209000101 绿茶 Green tea, inner packing > 3kg
- 0902209000102 白茶 White tea (also known as Silver tip) > 3kg
- 0902301000999 乌龙茶 Oolong tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902303100999 普洱茶 Pu'er tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902303900999 黑茶 Dark tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg
- 0902309000999 红茶 Black tea, inner packing ≤ 3kg

0902401000999 乌龙茶 Oolong tea, inner packing > 3kg  
0902403100999 普洱茶 Pu'er tea, inner packing > 3kg  
0902403900999 黑茶 Dark tea, inner packing > 3kg  
0902409000999 红茶 Black tea, inner packing > 3kg

We would be most grateful if you would impress on our exporters of the need to comply strictly with the Chinese customs requirements.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. Palith Kohona', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Palith Kohona  
Ambassador  
Embassy of Sri Lanka in China