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**DIRECTION/2025**

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (3) and (5) of section of 30 of the Tea Act, 1953 (29 of 1953) the Central Government has notified the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 (herein after called as the 'said order') to exercise control over manufacturing, buying and selling of tea.

And whereas, under sub paragraph (1) of Paragraph 30 of the said order, every registered manufacturer engages in purchase of green tea leaves shall pay to the supplier of green leaf a reasonable price according to the price sharing formula as may be specified by the Registering Authority.

And Whereas, under sub paragraph (5) of Paragraph 30 of the said order, the Registering Authority or any officer of the Board, not below the rank of Joint Controller of Licensing, authorized by the Registering Authority in writing, may also ensure the compliance of the payment of reasonable price for tea leaves as per sub- paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4).

And Whereas, under sub paragraph (3) of Paragraph 13 of the said Order, the Registering authority has the power to issue directions which are relevant for the purposes of carrying out the objects of this order.

And whereas, it has come to the notice that the tea manufacturers are not paying the amount due to the supplier of green leaf thereby causing hardship to the small tea growers and also disturbing the supply chain and causing damage to the tea trade.

Now, in exercise of the power under sub paragraph (3) of Paragraph 13 r/w sub paragraph (5) of Paragraph 30 of the said Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, the following directions are issued for strict compliance by the tea manufacturers situated in the State of West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand:-

1. Every registered manufacturer engaged in purchasing tea leaf shall maintain a separate register giving details of the green leaf tea suppliers with address, quantity of leaf purchased on a daily basis with corresponding fine leaf count;
2. Fine leaf count shall be done by following ballometric method in presence of the green leaf supplier;
3. Both the tea manufacture and green leaf supplier shall sign the register.
4. Every registered tea manufacture shall make such register of purchasing tea leaf available for inspection and verification to any officer of Tea Board as and when asked for.
5. In case of failure to carry out the direction, necessary action as per clause 5 (1) (d) of Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 shall be initiated by the Board against the errant tea manufacturing unit.
6. This direction shall come into force with immediate effect.

(C.Murugan)  
Deputy Chairman & Registering Authority

To,  
All Registered Tea Manufacturers of West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand-for strict compliance

Copy to:

1	All concerned Tea Producers/ Manufacturers Associations	For information and necessary action with request to circulate amongst their members
2	All concerned Small Tea Growers Associations	For information and necessary action with request to circulate amongst their members
3	Controller of Licensing	For information and necessary action
4	DDTD, Siliguri, ADTD, Jalpaiguri, FAO, Palampur	For information and necessary action
5	All HoDs, Tea Board, Kolkata	For Information
6	IT Cell	For uploading in Boards Website