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01st March, 2023

TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE ANALYTICAL LABORATORY

Sirs,

CHARGES FOR TESTING OF TEA SAMPLES AT THE ANALYTICAL LABORATORY OF SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

This circular supersedes Tea Board Circular No. OR/1/87 issued on 01st September, 2011.

This refers the section III of our Circular No. OR/1/87 dated 06th August 2010 addressed to all registered Exporters of Tea, Importers of Tea, Packers of Tea and Warehouse Owners of Tea under the caption '**Levy of Fees & Charges for Board's Services**'

02. It is observed that tea sample/s forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis, by most of the customers are adopted their own methods and therefore the Analytical Laboratory not in a position to carryout required analysis and issue test certificates due to lack of information. In order to streamline the procedure for submitting the sample/s for obtaining required test certificate/s from the Analytical Laboratory of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, the following procedural steps are introduced with applicable charges for each test, as described in the section 03 herein the circular.

The chargers for each test are appended below;

<u>Type of Analysis</u>	<u>Charges per sample (Rs.)</u>
A. ISO 3720 & ISO 11287 Standard Analysis for tea	
1. Determination of Loss in Mass(Moisture), ISO 1573:1980	2,000.00
2. Determination of Total Ash, ISO 1575:1987	2,250.00
3. Determination of Water Soluble Ash, ISO 1576:1988	3,200.00
4. Determination of Alkalinity of Water Soluble Ash, ISO 1578:1975	1,500.00
5. Determination of Acid-In-Soluble Ash, ISO 1577:1987	3,300.00
6. Determination of Water Extract, ISO 9768:1994	2,400.00
7. Determination of Crude Fibre content, ISO 15598:1999	6,000.00
B. Microbiological Analysis	
8. Total Plate Count, ISO 4833-1:2013	2,000.00
9. Yeast & Mould Count, ISO 21527-2:2008	2,000.00
10. Coliform test for tea, ISO 4831:2006	3,500.00
11. E-coli test for tea, ISO 7251:2005	3,500.00
C. Pesticide Residual Analysis	
12. Diuron & Hexaconazole Analysis, QuEChERS- LC-MS/MS	18,000.00
13. MCPA & 2, 4 D Analysis, LC-MS/MS	20,000.00
14. Imported Tea Analysis , QuEChERS- LC-MS/MS	22,000.00

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<u>Type of Analysis</u>	<u>Charges per sample (Rs.)</u>
D. Contaminant/Adulteration Analysis	
15. Sugar in terms of Fructose, Glucose, Sucrose Analysis, HPLC-RI	12,000.00
E. Physical Examination	
16. Determination of Basic Radiation	2,000.00
17. Sieve Analysis/Tea Dust Analysis	2,000.00
18. Microscopical Examination (each under a to e)	2,000.00
a. Dead insects and fragments	
b. Alive insects and fragments	
c. Foreign matter	
d. Visible mould growth	
e. Particle appearance	
19. Certification on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) (Only for Sri Lankan origin teas)	1,500.00
20. Issuing of fresh certificate over a cancelled report	350.00


NOTE: In addition to this any applicable taxes and duties enforced by the government are also to be added to the testing fee.

03. In order to carry out those tests you are required to forward.

- I Quantity of the tea sample should not be less than 100g (Net Weight) for Microbiological / Pesticide residual testing and 250g (Net Weight) for chemical testing in a sealed container with consumer pack bearing all identification mark/s and number/s.
- II In case of microbiological analysis of tea, it is compulsory to use sterilized utensils for sampling from the teas stored.
- III Duly completed application form annexed hereto (Form AL/T).
- IV Letter of request describing the test requirements with documentary evidence in support of the request for each certificate, if it is shipment its necessary to submit CUSDEC and/or other related document.
- V Payments for test/s either by cheque drawn in favour of the "Sri Lanka Tea Board" or by cash with the laboratory invoice as per your request, forwarded to the Finance Division of Sri Lanka Tea Board and the testing will be commenced only after the submission of AR-Receipt to the Analytical Laboratory.
- VI Prior to make the payment it is necessary to obtain authorization from the Director (Analytical Services)

04. If any further clarification on the above, please contact the Director (Analytical Services) on telephone/fax 9411-2581576/ 94112587814 (Ext.1331) and e-mail: lab@pureceylontea.com

Yours truly,


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Director General

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Chairman

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 2. Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
 3. Tea Commissioner, Tea Commissioner's Division
 4. Director (Analytical Services)
 5. Director (Promotion)
 6. Director (Finance)
 7. Deputy Tea Commissioner, Tea Export's Section