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TO: MANUFACTURERS OF PAPER SACKS

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CEO

Special approval of CTTA for the use of Sacks for Packaging of Auction teas

Taking into consideration concerns expressed by Sellers of possible disruption to a continuous supply of sacks for packaging tea due to the current situation in the country, the CTTA has decided to allow the use of sacks satisfying the following requirements for packing certain grades of teas.

- a. All components of sacks be free of any taint, odour, etc.
- b. Metalized polyester and adhesives be of food quality.
- c. Filled sacks to have satisfied the Drop Test, validated by TRI.
- d. Filled sacks to have satisfied the test showing prevention of moisture absorption, validated by TRI.

Suppliers of sacks satisfying the above mandatory requirements are requested to make applications for approval of the CTTA,

- indicating the description of components of sacks, such as number of plies, mechanical strength parameters of plies, grammage of components and method of construction of barrier ply, and
- providing written confirmation that the above mandatory requirements are satisfied, and
- submitting copies of relevant test reports from the TRI.

On receipt of applications, after scrutinizing carefully, the CTTA will allocate provisional approval identities and guidelines to be followed. Guidelines include the need for printing on each sack, the name of the supplier, Provisional/Pending identity, and the net weight. Please note that the decision of the CTTA in the implementation of the above solely vests on the association.

Once CTTA has granted approvals, Sellers will be informed and they will be able to use those sacks only for packing grades such as Off-grades, BOP1A grade, and Dust grades (excluding Dust 1 grade) while indicating sack identity in invoice documents.