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FOR THE ATTENTION OF CEO'S

Compliance with SLSI Standards for Paper Sacks Used in Tea Auction Packaging

The Colombo Tea Traders Association (CTTA) has approved paper sack manufacturers who have obtained the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) certification for tea auction packaging. These manufacturers are expected to supply packaging that adheres strictly to the specified SLSI standards.

However, it has come to the attention of the CTTA that certain paper sacks, despite being marked with the SLSI standard, do not meet the required specifications. This is a serious violation of SLSI requirements and poses a significant risk to the quality of the tea, including potential moisture absorption and other related issues.

Action Required:

1. **Manufacturers:** All tea manufacturers are advised to conduct thorough inspections of paper sacks at the point of packing in their factories. Any paper sacks found to be defective or non-compliant should be immediately reported.
2. **Buyers:** Buyers are encouraged to inspect the packaging of teas at the point of use, particularly when blending, to ensure compliance with SLSI standards.
3. **Reporting Defects:** Any defects in paper sacks should be reported directly to the CTTA, with the defective sacks provided as evidence. Additionally, a copy of the same complaint, along with the defective sacks, should be forwarded to SLSI for further action.

The CTTA takes this matter seriously, as it impacts the overall quality and reputation of Ceylon tea. Your cooperation in maintaining high standards in packaging is essential to uphold the quality expected in the market.

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