## **COLOMBO TEA TRADERS' ASSOCIATION**

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## TO BROKER AND SELLERS - FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CEO

## **RULES FOR THE CATALOGUING OF TEAS**

Reference is made to Circular No. 06 (A) of March 10, 2020.

The Committee of the CTTA has decided to suspend, with effect from Sale No. 18, the dispensation granted in respect of the following grades to catalogue two lots of 10 sacks each of the following grades:

BOP/BOP Sp. (to be considered as a single grade), BOPF/BOPF Sp. (to be considered as a single grade), FBOP1, FF, BOP1, BOPA, BP, FNGS, OP1, DUST1/PD (to be considered as a single grade), DUST and BT.

Please note that the existing cataloguing rules on the size of each lot, other than what is stated below, shall remain unchanged.

All CTC factories are permitted to continue cataloguing a total of 12 lots of 20 sacks each of a combination of BP1 and PF1 (to be considered as a single grade) in the Ex-estate catalogue. In addition, it should be noted that an unlimited number of 40 sack lots are permitted to be catalogued in the Ex-estate catalogue.

- It is reiterated that Cataloguing Rules shall be applicable on the basis of a Factory MF/BF number and not on a selling mark/s or Selling Brokers.
- The month of manufacture shall be declared in the Cataloguing Advice Note.
- The current cap of 12,500 on the number of lots, in total, which may be accommodated in the catalogues of any weekly Tea Auction, shall not be increased, unless under extraordinary circumstance, with special approval by the Committee.
- The range of packing densities stipulated in the currently valid Grades Nomenclature, already circulated, shall be adhered to in the case of each grade.
- All invoices of tea shall be catalogued within 30 days of arrival at brokers' warehouses.

This decision will be reviewed at a later date, if considered necessary.

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