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To All Seller and Broker Members:

Grades Nomenclature with Corresponding Minimum and Maximum Packing Densities

Reference is made to Circular No. 40 of 2020 of June 16, 2020 addressed to all Seller and Broker members on the captioned subject.

At the Committee Meeting held on 07th October 2020, it was decided to adjust the Minimum and Maximum density of the **Grade BM**. The **Minimum density shall be 20kgs and the Maximum 38kgs**. There shall not be any other changes. For ease of reference the circular is updated in its totality. There shall not be any other changes.

Accordingly, this circular is hereby issued for implementation with effect from Sale No.43 of 03rd /04th November 2020 catalogues for which are scheduled to close on 15th October 2020

**GRADES NOMENCLATURE WITH CORRESPONDING MINIMUM & MAXIMUM
PACKING DENSITIES**

ORTHODOX BLACK TEA – EX ESTATE TEAS

1. BOP Neat in style and of medium size, devoid of fine particles [Fannings and Dust]

Min: 48 kg. Max: 52 kg.

- BOP Sp. Much superior to and neater than BOP

Min: 42 kg. Max: 52 kg.

NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade

2. BOPF Neat in style, smaller than BOP and devoid of fine Dust particles

Min: 55 kg. Max: 58 kg.

- BOPF Sp. Much superior to and neater than BOPF

Min: 45 kg. Max: 55 kg.

NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade

3. FBOP Smaller and shorter than BOP1 and larger than FBOPF1, preferably with a presence of tips,
Min: 36 kg. Max 46 kg.
4. PEKOE - a) Orthodox/Rotor vane manufacture: Neat, with fair twist, larger than BOP and could be choppy
b) Leafy manufacture: Shotty, curly or semi curly leaf of large size
Min: 45 kg. Max: 52 kg.
5. PEKOE 1 Shotty, curly, smaller in size than PEKOE
Min: 36 kg. Max: 47 kg.
- NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade in Ex Estate catalogues only.**

NB. In the event above grades remain unsold at a given auction and subsequently catalogued as reprints in the H&M catalogue, the "Minimum" and "maximum" packing densities pertaining to "Ex-estate" will prevail only for such grades.

ORTHODOX BLACK TEA – MAIN SALE TEAS

1. BOP Neat in style and of medium size, devoid of fine particles [Fannings and Dust]
Min: 38 kg. Max: 53 kg.
- BOP Sp. Much superior to and neater than BOP
Min: 38 kg. Max: 52 kg.
- NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade**
2. BOPA Flaky and larger than BOP
Min: 30 kg. Max: 45 kg.
3. BOPF Neat in style, smaller than BOP and devoid of fine Dust particles
Min: 40 kg. Max: 56 kg.
- BOPF Sp. Much superior to and neater than BOPF
Min: 42 kg. Max: 55 kg.
- NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade**

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| 4. OP 1 | Long, wiry and well twisted |
| | Min: 26 kg. Max: 36 kg. |
| 5. OP | Less wiry than OP1 and better twisted [less bold] than OPA |
| | Min: 22 kg. Max: 32 kg. |
| 6. OPA | Long and bold with fair twist and preferably without excessive stalk |
| | Min: 20 kg. Max: 30kg. |
| 7. BOP 1 | Wiry, twisted and shorter than OP1 |
| | Min: 30 kg. Max: 40 kg. |
| 8. FBOP 1 | Longer than FBOP, twisted and wiry, preferably with a presence of tips |
| | Min: 30 kg. Max: 42kg. |
| 9. FBOP | Smaller and shorter than BOP1 and larger than FBOPF1, preferably with a presence of tips, |
| | Min: 32 kg. Max: 45 kg. |
| 10. FBOPF | Similar in size to BOP and preferably with a presence of tips |
| | Min: 40 kg. Max: 50 kg. |
| 11. FBOPF 1 | Larger than FBOPF and smaller than FBOP, preferably with a presence of tips |
| | Min: 36 kg. Max: 52 kg. |

Highly Tippy Teas (Full size Sacks)

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| 12(a). FBOPF Sp. | Similar in size to FBOPF or FBOPF1, with a fair presence of tips |
| | Min:30 kg. Max: 55 kg. |
| 13(a). FBOPF Ex. Sp. | Similar in size to FBOPF Sp., with an attractive show of golden or silver tips |
| | Min: 20 kg. Max: 52 kg. |
| 14(a). FBOPF Ex. Sp.1 | Larger and leafier than FBOPF Ex. Sp., with an attractive show of golden or silver tips |
| | Min: 20 kg. Max: 52 kg. |

Highly Tippy Teas (Half size Sacks)

12(b). FBOPF Sp. Similar in size to FBOPF or FBOPF1, with a fair presence of tips

Min:15 kg. Max: 28 kg.

13(b). FBOPF Ex. Sp. Similar in size to FBOPF Sp., with an attractive show of golden or silver tips

Min: 10 kg. Max: 26 kg.

14(b). FBOPF Ex. Sp. 1 Larger and leafier than FBOPF Ex. Sp., with an attractive show of golden or silver tips.

Min: 10 kg. Max: 26 kg.

15. PEKOE a) Orthodox/Rotorvane manufacture: Neat, with fair twist, larger than BOP and could be choppy
b) Leafy manufacture: Shotty, curly or semi curly leaf of large size

Min: 28 kg. Max: 45 kg.

PEKOE 1 Shotty, curly, smaller in size than PEKOE

Min: 32 kg. Max: 47 kg.

NB. In terms of Cataloguing Rules, to be treated as one grade in Ex Estate catalogues and separate grades in Main Sale catalogues

ORTHODOX BLACK TEA – DUST GRADES

16. DUST1 Grainy, even, well-made and smaller than BOPF

Min: 50 kg. Max: 65 kg.

17. DUST Similar in size to DUST1, with flaky leaf but reasonably clean

Min: 58 kg. Max: 65 kg.

ORTHODOX BLACK TEA – OFF GRADES & BOP1A GRADE

18. BP	Choppy and hard, with some stalk and fibre Min: 35 kg. Max: 60 kg.
19. BOP1A	Semi-leafy and flaky, without excessive stalk and fibre Min: 25 kgs Max: 35 kg.
20. BM	Mixed and flaky, with stalk and fibre Min: 20 kg. Max: 38 kg.
21. BT	Larger than BM, ragged and mixed leaf of varying sizes, with or without stalk and fibre Min: 22 kg Max: 33 kg.
22. FNGS1	Small, flaky leaf, without excessive fibre Min: 50 kg. Max: 58 kg.
23. FNGS	Similar to FNGS1, uneven and fibrous Min: 40 kg. Max: 50 kg.

CTC TEA

1. BP1	Corresponding in size to high grown BOP, but granular Min: 46 kg. Max: 53 kg.
2. BPS	Larger particle size than BP1 Min: 44 kg. Max: 50 kg.
3. PF1	Corresponding in size to high grown BOPF, but granular Min: 50 kg. Max: 60 kg.
4. OF	Smaller than BP1 but larger than PF1 Min: 46 kg. Max: 52 kg.

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| 5. PF | [Off Grade] Similar to or slightly larger than PF1 and may contain some fibre |
| | Min: 45kg. Max: 55 kg. |
| 6. PD | Grainy and smaller than PF1 |
| | Min: 60 kg. Max: 65 kg. |
| 7. DUST1 | Less grainy than PD and clean |
| | Min: 55 kg. Max: 65 kg. |
| 8. DUST | [Off Grade] Inferior to DUST1 and may be powdery & fibrous |
| | Min: 60 kg. Max: 65 kg. |

It will be the responsibility of the brokers to ensure that minimum and maximum packing densities are strictly adhered to.

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