

**Sri Lanka Tea Board**  
**574, Galle Road, Colombo 03**

**Brief History**

Sri Lanka Tea Board was established on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1976 by amalgamating the Tea Control Department, Tea Export Commissioner's Department, Ceylon tea Propaganda Board and the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka under the Sri Lanka Tea Board law No. 14 of 1975 as amended by Act No. 17 of 1985, No. 14 of 1990, No. 29 of 2003 and No. 44 of 2006.

In the year 1994 the Tea Research Institute separated from the Sri Lanka Tea Board law and came under the Tea Research Board established under the Tea Research Board Act. No. 52 of 1993.

The Primary objectives of the Sri Lanka Tea Board under the above act are the Development of the Tea Industry in Sri Lanka, promotion of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Tea globally, implementing Regulatory requirements of the tea industry. The major regulatory activities of the tea industry covering production, cultivating and replanting, establishment of tea factories, their operation, regulate Colombo Tea Auction, maintaining quality standards of tea, packaging and warehousing requirements etc framed both under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law and the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 and the Tea (Tax and Control of Exports) Act No. 16 of 1959.

**Main Divisions**

Sri Lanka Tea Board, Head Office  
Tea Commissioner's Division  
Tea Promotion Division  
Market Intelligence and Resource Division  
Analytical Laboratory  
Tea Tasting Unit

**Objectives**

- To ensure market growth by 2% per annum over the next 5 years.
- To ensure applying and adoption of Good Agricultural Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices.
- To increase value added component of tea exports from 35% to 65% while enhancing the unit Free on Board (FOB) value from 2 US\$ to 4 US\$ per kg by 2012.
- To retain the existing markets, regain lost markets and penetrate into new markets;
- To review all pieces of legislation in the tea sector and take steps to make the Sri Lanka Tea Board law No. 14 of 1975 the only authoritative law for the Tea Sector.
- To establish fully conversant Market Intelligence and Resource Division by the year 2008.

## Activities

- Develop and promote all markets in order to sustain the leadership as a quality tea supplier of the global market;
- Introduce strategies to ensure that tea growers, manufacturers, exporters achieve international quality standards economically while satisfying the global consumers;
- Encouraging product and market diversification.
- Reviewing legal framework to meet the present day and future needs of the industry.
- Providing easy access to affordable day to day market intelligence for the benefit of the industry.

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