



## Tea Board

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### **CIRCULAR ON STANDARDIZATION OF GRADES**

This is in continuation of Board's earlier circular reference no. 6(29)/LC/Gen/11-13/Part-III/Vol.3/2017/12979 dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (Copy enclosed) on "Standardization of Grades". In this connection, the Board has received recommendations for revisions of certain grades from different stakeholders across India.

In view of the above, all the activities like offering, cataloguing and selling of teas in the public tea auction as per the standard grades which was supposed to be started from June, 2021 has been deferred for the time being.

The content of the circular may please be brought to the notice of all concerned members for compliance. Necessary action may also be taken by the associations for forwarding their suggestions on standardisation of grades to Tea Board with 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, if not forwarded till date so that early action can be taken by Tea Board on the same

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All Auction Organiser	For kind information and necessary action.
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All Registered Brokers	
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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Standardization of grades-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to state that Tea Board engaged Prof. Shri B. Mahadevan and Prof. Smt. Sreelata, IIM, Bangalore for conducting a study on e-auction reforms. One of the key recommendations of Prof. Mahadevan Committee was rationalization and standardization of different grades of tea for making the auction platform less complex and efficient in respect of grades of different types of tea.

In this context, the Board has sought suggestions/inputs from different stakeholders across India. On the basis of their feedback/suggestions, the Board has merged almost similar grade, thereby standardizing various grades of Orthodox tea, CTC tea, Darjeeling tea and Green tea. The lists of such tea grades are annexed herewith as Annexure-I (Standard Orthodox tea and CTC tea grade), Annexure-II (Standard Darjeeling tea grade) and Annexure-III (Standard Green tea grade) for perusal.

All concerned are hereby requested to ensure offering, cataloguing and selling of teas in the public auction as per the standard grades w.e.f. June, 2021. The content of the matter may please be brought to the notice of all concerned members for compliance.

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**ANNEXURE-I****STANDARD ORTHODOX & CTC TEA GRADE**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Grade</b>	<b>Type of Tea (CTC, Orthodox or Both)</b>
1	BOP	Both
2	BOP1/ BOP1(O)/ FBOP1	Both
3	BOPD	Orthodox
4	BOPF	Both
5	BOPL	CTC
6	BOP-S	CTC
7	BOPSM	CTC
8	BP	CTC
9	BP1	CTC
10	BPS/ BPS(O)/ SBP	Both
11	BPSM	CTC
12	CD	CTC
13	D/Dust	CTC
14	D1	CTC
15	FBOP	Orthodox
16	FBOP(CL)	Orthodox
17	FD	CTC
18	FOF	Orthodox
19	FOP	Orthodox
20	FP/ TFP	Both
21	FTGFOP1	Orthodox
22	FTGFOP1(C	Orthodox
23	FTGFOP1(S	Orthodox
24	GBOP	Orthodox
25	GBOP1	Orthodox
26	GD	CTC
27	GFBOP	Orthodox
28	GFBOP(S)	Orthodox
29	GFOP	Orthodox
30	GOF	Orthodox
31	GTGFOP1	Orthodox
32	OBPS	Orthodox
33	OF	Both
34	OF1	CTC
35	OP	Orthodox
36	OP-A	Orthodox
37	OPAL	Orthodox
38	PD	CTC



39	PD1	CTC
40	PF	CTC
41	PF1	CTC
42	RD	CTC
43	RD1	CTC
44	SD	Orthodox
45	SFD/ SFD(SUP)	CTC
46	SFTGFOP1/ SFTGFOP1(	Orthodox
47	SRD	CTC
48	STGFOP1(S / STGFOP1S	Orthodox
49	TFBOP	Orthodox
50	TGBOP	Orthodox
51	TGBOP1	Orthodox
52	TGFOP	Orthodox
53	TGFOP(S)	Orthodox
54	TGFOP1	Orthodox
55	TGOF	Orthodox



**STANDARD DARJEELING TEA GRADE**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Darjeeling Tea Grade</b>
1.	FTGFOP1
2.	FOF
3.	GOF
4.	TGBOP
5.	TGOF
6.	BPS
7.	FTGFOP
8.	FTGFOP1(CH)
9.	FTGFOP1(CL)
10.	SFTGFOP1
11.	FTGFOP1 SPECIALITY
12.	FTGFOP1 TIPPY CLONAL
13.	GBOP
14.	PF
15.	TGFBOP
16.	TGFOP1



**STANDARD GREEN TEA GRADE**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Green Tea Grade</b>
1.	HYSON
2.	LACHHA
3.	MASDANA
4.	MOGRA
5.	SOUMEE
6.	GUNPOWDER
7.	YOUNG HYSON
8.	FINE YOUNG HYSON
9.	BAIMUDAN
10.	FINE
11.	FINE 1
12.	FUJAIN GREEN
13.	HYSON I
14.	LAPSANG SUCHONG
15.	MATCHA TEA
16.	MOGRA1
17.	MOGRA2
18.	ROASTED GREEN TEA
19.	S FINE
20.	SILVER NEEDLE
21.	SUPER FINE
22.	SUPER LACCHA
23.	SUPER MOGRA
24.	SUPER TWIST
25.	SUPERFINE1