



## SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – APRIL 2025

### Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month was recorded at 18.20 M/Kgs – (Increase of 1.82 M/Kgs YoY)
- Cumulative Exports totalled 81.41 M/Kgs (Increase of 2.71 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison with January-April 2024 total of 78.70 M/Kgs
- F.O.B Value for the month recorded Rs. 1,760.31 (USD 5.90), recording an increase of Rs. 14.86 (Gain of USD 0.07) against April 2024. Cumulative FOB Value declined by Rs. 28.75 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024, whilst the to date USD earnings continued to show an overall improvement in all categories
- Iraq continues to maintain the top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea for the year, whilst Libya makes significant improvement to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place edging over Russia

### April 2025/2024

\* Tea Exports for the month of April 2025 totalled 18.20 M/Kgs, showing an increase of 1.82 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 16.38 M/Kgs of April 2024. All categories have recorded positive variances, except for the Tea in Bulk category. FOB value in April 2025 was recorded at Rs. 1,760.31, an increase of Rs. 14.86 YoY compared to Rs. 1,745.45 of April 2024. In USD terms, however, the month of April witnessed an increase of USD 0.07 in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 2024 (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance
Tea In Bulk	6,880,618	7,775,597	-894,979	1,517.30	1,509.08	8.22	5.08	5.04	0.04
Tea Packets	8,840,030	6,498,229	2,341,801	1,620.75	1,654.81	-34.06	5.43	5.53	-0.10
Tea Bags	1,879,015	1,591,936	287,079	2,741.06	2,689.62	51.44	9.18	8.98	0.20
Instant	236,705	155,166	81,539	3,594.70	3,694.66	-99.96	12.04	12.34	-0.30
Green Tea	368,452	355,464	12,989	3,466.54	3,493.50	-26.96	11.61	11.67	-0.06
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18,204,821</b>	<b>16,376,392</b>	<b>1,828,429</b>	<b>1,760.31</b>	<b>1,745.45</b>	<b>14.86</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>0.07</b>

Source – Sri Lanka Customs / Central Bank of Sri Lanka Exchange Rates

## JANUARY-APRIL 2025/2024

\* January-April 2025 cumulative exports totalled 81.41 M/Kgs, recording a positive variance of 2.71 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 78.70 M/Kgs of January-April 2024. Tea Packets, Tea Bags and Instant Tea segments have recorded positive variances, whilst the Tea in Bulk and Green Tea categories witnessed a decline against the same period of the previous year.

\* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,743.61, a decrease of Rs. 28.75 (increase of USD 0.15) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,772.36 of January-April 2024.

\* All categories except for Instant Tea recorded negative variances in LKR terms in FOB value, whilst gains were recorded in USD terms in all categories when compared to the corresponding period in 2024 (Refer table below).

	Quantity		Variance	Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2025	2024		2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance
Tea In Bulk	34,586,813	36,784,430	-2,197,617	1,491.81	1,517.32	-25.51	5.03	4.90	0.13
Tea Packets	35,837,709	31,383,650	4,454,059	1,629.62	1,684.79	-55.17	5.49	5.44	0.05
Tea Bags	8,539,414	8,174,503	364,912	2,686.90	2,723.71	-36.80	9.05	8.79	0.26
Instant	940,842	843,498	97,344	3,492.73	3,224.09	268.64	11.77	10.41	1.36
Green Tea	1,505,924	1,518,365	-12,441	3,797.41	3,832.54	-35.12	12.79	12.38	0.42
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>81,410,702</b>	<b>78,704,445</b>	<b>2,706,256</b>	<b>1743.61</b>	<b>1,772.36</b>	<b>-28.75</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>5.72</b>	<b>0.15</b>

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Iraq ranks at No. 01 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 11.52 M/Kgs, an increase of 13% YoY in January-April 2025 against the previous year's 10.23 M/Kgs. Libya ranks in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 7.61 M/Kgs, an improvement of 353% surpassing Russia at 3<sup>rd</sup> place who has witnessed a significant decline of 9% YoY with 7.50 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 8.27 M/Kgs recorded in 2024. The U.A.E is place at No. 4 with 5.52 M/Kgs (35% decrease YoY) followed by Türkiye 4.29 M/Kgs (19% decrease YoY), Iran 4.09 M/Kgs (1% decrease YoY). Chile has secured 7<sup>th</sup> position with 3.77 M/Kgs edging over China 3.15 M/Kgs, Saudi Arabia 2.89 M/Kgs followed by Germany at 2.73 M/Kgs for January-April 2025.

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