



## SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – APRIL 2026

### Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month of April 2026 was recorded at 17.97 M/Kgs – (decline of 0.23 M/Kgs YoY)
- Exports during January-April 2026 totalled 78.34 M/Kgs (decrease of 3.07 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison to the same period in 2025
- F.O.B. Value for the month was recorded at Rs. 1,760.95 (USD 5.51), recording a nominal gain of Rs. 0.64 (negative USD 0.37) against the corresponding month of 2025
- Cumulative FOB Value increased by Rs. 53.04 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2025
- Iraq continues to maintain the top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea in April 2026

### APRIL 2026/2025

\* Tea Exports for the month of April 2026 recorded 17.97 M/Kgs, showing a decline of 0.23 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 18.20 M/Kgs of April 2025. Tea in Bulk and Instant Tea have recorded positive variances against the corresponding period of the previous year, while Tea Packets, Tea Bags and Green Tea recorded negative variances.

\* FOB value in April 2026 was recorded at Rs. 1,760.95, an increase of Rs. 0.64 YoY compared to Rs. 1,760.31 of April 2025. Overall, a decline was witnessed in USD terms with only the Green Tea category witnessing an increase in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 2025 (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	7,436,814	6,880,618	556,195	1,503.70	1,517.30	-13.60	4.71	5.06	-0.36
Tea Packets	8,185,429	8,840,030	-654,601	1,592.82	1,620.75	-27.94	4.99	5.41	-0.42
Tea Bags	1,702,993	1,879,015	-176,021	2,882.87	2,741.06	141.81	9.03	9.15	-0.12
Instant	374,799	236,705	138,093	3,541.84	3,594.70	-52.87	11.09	12.00	-0.91
Green Tea	275,244	368,452	-93,208	4,345.27	3,466.54	878.74	13.61	11.57	2.04
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17,975,279</b>	<b>18,204,821</b>	<b>-229,542</b>	<b>1,760.95</b>	<b>1,760.31</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>5.51</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>-0.37</b>

Source - Sri Lanka Customs

Currency conversion – Central Bank April 2026 Spot Rate

## JANUARY-APRIL 2026/2025

\* January-April 2026 cumulative exports totalled 78.34 M/Kgs, recording a negative variance of 3.07 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 81.41 M/Kgs of January-April 2025. All segments except for Instant and Green Tea segments recorded negative variances against the same period of the previous year.

\* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,796.64 (USD 5.73), an increase of Rs. 53.03 vis-à-vis Rs. 1,743.61 (USD 5.87) of January-April 2025.

\* All segments except for Instant Tea recorded gains in FOB value. In USD terms, Tea Bags and Green Tea recorded increases, whilst Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets and Instant Tea segments recorded negative variances compared to the corresponding period in 2025 (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	32,222,051	34,586,813	-2,364,762	1,512.11	1,491.81	20.29	4.83	5.02	-0.19
Tea Packets	34,878,198	35,837,709	-959,511	1,645.63	1,629.62	16.01	5.25	5.48	-0.23
Tea Bags	8,361,550	8,539,414	-177,864	2,845.32	2,686.90	158.42	9.08	9.04	0.04
Instant	1,365,922	940,842	425,080	3,491.31	3,492.73	-1.42	11.14	11.75	-0.61
Green Tea	1,508,820	1,505,924	2,896	4,018.39	3,797.41	220.97	12.82	12.77	0.05
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78,336,540</b>	<b>81,410,702</b>	<b>-3,074,161</b>	<b>1,796.64</b>	<b>1,743.61</b>	<b>53.04</b>	<b>5.73</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>-0.13</b>

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Iraq was ranked at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 10.26 M/Kgs, an decrease of 11% YoY in comparison with April 2025 (11.53 M/Kgs), whilst Türkiye remained in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a significant increase of 128 % YoY with 9.78M/Kgs vis-à-vis 4.30 M/Kgs recorded in 2025, Russia at 3<sup>rd</sup> place has recorded 7.31 M/Kgs, a 2.5% decrease vis-à-vis 7.50 M/Kgs in April 2025. Azerbaijan at 4<sup>th</sup> place has imported 4.06 M/Kgs (54% increase YoY) followed by Libya with 3.34 M/Kgs (56% decrease YoY) and China at 6<sup>th</sup> position with 3.24 M/Kgs (3% increase YoY). U.A.E has dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> place with 2.96 M/Kgs followed by Saudi Arabia at 2.85 M/Kgs. Chile and U.S.A are also amongst the top 10 importers ranking at 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> positions with 2.57 M/Kgs and 2.50 M/Kgs respectively in the month of April 2026.