



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – AUGUST 2025

Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month was recorded at 23.70 M/Kgs – (Increase of 1.61 M/Kgs YoY)
- Exports during the cumulative period totalled 174.55 M/Kgs (Increase of 11.99 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison with January-August 2024 total of 162.56 M/Kgs
- F.O.B Value for the month was Rs. 1,805.35 (USD 5.99), recording a Rs. 28.69 increase (USD 0.08) against the corresponding period of 2024. This also marks the highest FOB Value monthly value for the year 2025
- Cumulative FOB Value declined by Rs. 15.93 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024, whilst to-date USD earnings continued to show an overall improvement in all categories except for Packeted Tea
- Iraq continues to maintain the top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea for the year.

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* Tea Exports for the month of August 2025 totalled 23.70 M/Kgs, showing an increase of 1.61 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 22.09 M/Kgs of August 2024. All categories, except for the Green Tea category, have recorded positive variances in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year.

* FOB value in August 2025 was recorded at Rs. 1,805.35, an increase of Rs. 28.69 YoY compared to Rs. 1,776.66 of August 2024, whilst in USD terms a marginal gain of USD 0.08 was recorded 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	10,245,119	9,658,186	586,933	1,518.28	1,503.51	14.78	5.04	5.00	0.04
Tea Packets	10,292,657	9,541,284	751,373	1,639.56	1,651.14	-11.58	5.44	5.49	-0.05
Tea Bags	2,467,015	2,191,076	275,939	2,962.27	2,870.41	91.86	9.83	9.55	0.28
Instant	292,145	263,680	28,465	3,649.27	3,092.15	557.12	12.10	10.28	1.82
Green Tea	406,822	438,211	-31,389	4,889.12	4,269.42	619.71	16.22	14.20	2.02
Grand Total	23,703,757	22,092,436	1,611,321	1,805.35	1,776.66	28.69	5.99	5.91	0.08

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

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* January-August 2025 cumulative exports totalled 174.55 M/Kgs, recording a positive variance of 11.99 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 162.56 M/Kgs of January-August 2024. All segments, except for Bulk Tea have recorded positive variances against the same period of the previous year.

* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,756.23, a decrease of Rs. 15.93 (increase of USD 0.09) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,772.16 of January-August 2024.

* Bulk and Packeted Teas recorded negative variances, whilst Tea Bags, Instant Tea and Green Tea categories recorded gains in LKR terms in FOB value. Gains were recorded in USD terms in all categories except for Tea Packets when compared to the corresponding period in 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	72,896,132	75,786,516	-2,890,383	1,498.02	1,522.38	-24.37	5.02	4.98	0.04
Tea Packets	78,877,425	65,377,260	13,500,165	1,623.94	1,675.84	-51.90	5.44	5.48	(0.04)
Tea Bags	17,253,660	16,602,357	651,303	2,785.34	2,747.96	37.38	9.33	8.98	0.34
Instant	2,244,057	1,828,821	415,236	3,662.39	3,178.39	484.00	12.26	10.39	1.87
Green Tea	3,279,460	2,966,112	313,348	3,958.81	3,948.03	10.78	13.26	12.91	0.35
Grand Total	174,550,733	162,561,066	11,989,668	1,756.23	1,772.16	-15.93	5.88	5.79	0.09

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Iraq ranks at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 26 M/Kgs, an increase of 23% YoY in January-August 2025 against previous year's 21.19 M/Kgs. Russia ranked in 2nd Place with 14.77 M/Kgs, despite a decline of 11% in comparison with previous year, whilst Libya at 3rd Place recorded 14.39 M/Kgs, an improvement of 198% ahead of U.A.E. at 4th place who have witnessed a decline of 20% YoY with 12.72 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 15.81 M/Kgs recorded in 2024. Türkiye with 12.49 M/Kgs (2% increase YoY) is followed by Iran recording 8.31 M/Kgs (6% Increase YoY) surpassing Chile at 7.71 M/Kgs. China has secured 8th place with 6.83 M/Kgs followed by Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia at 5.96 and 5.885 M/Kgs respectively.