



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – AUGUST 2026

Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month of August 2026 was recorded at 22.82 M/Kgs – (decrease of 0.88 M/Kgs YoY)
- Exports during January-August 2026 totalled 166.32 M/Kgs (decrease of 8.23 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison to the same period in 2025
- F.O.B. Value for the month was recorded at Rs. 1,910.27 (USD 5.74), recording a positive variance of Rs. 104.92 (negative USD 0.25) against the corresponding month of 2025
- Cumulative FOB Value increased by Rs. 81.47 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2025 (negative USD 0.17)
- Türkiye claims the top spot amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea in August 2026

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* Tea Exports for the month of August 2026 totalled 22.82 M/Kgs, showing a decline 0.88 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 23.70 M/Kgs of August 2025. All categories except for Tea Packets and Instant Teas showed negative variances against the corresponding period of the previous year.

* FOB value in August 2026 was recorded at Rs. 1,910.27, a significant increase of Rs. 104.92 YoY compared to Rs. 1,805.35 of August 2025. In LKR terms, except for Green Tea, all other categories witnessed an increase in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 2025, whilst except for Tea Bags all categories recorded negative variance in USD terms (Refer table below).

	Quantity		Variance	Approx. FOB per kg Rs.			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	9,819,237	10,245,119	-425,882	1,544.36	1,518.28	26.08	4.64	5.04	-0.40
Tea Packets	10,308,872	10,292,657	16,215	1,791.62	1,639.56	152.06	5.38	5.44	-0.06
Tea Bags	1,980,763	2,467,015	-486,252	3,427.82	2,962.27	465.54	10.30	9.83	0.47
Instant	302,750	292,145	10,605	4,005.27	3,649.27	356.00	12.03	12.10	-0.07
Green Tea	405,057	406,822	-1,765	4,813.34	4,889.12	-75.78	14.46	16.22	-1.76
Grand Total	22,816,678	23,703,757	-887,079	1,910.27	1,805.35	104.92	5.74	5.99	-0.25

Source - Sri Lanka Customs

Currency conversion – Central Bank August 2026 Spot Rate

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* January-August 2026 cumulative exports totalled 166.32 M/Kgs, recording a negative variance of 8.23 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 174.55 M/Kgs of January-August 2025. All segments except for Instant Tea recorded negative variances against the same period of the previous year.

* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,837.70 (USD 5.71), an increase of Rs. 81.47 vis-à-vis Rs. 1,756.23 (USD 5.88) of January-August 2025 (decline of USD 0.17).

* All segments except for Instant Tea recorded gains in FOB value in LKR term. In USD terms, Tea Bags and Green Tea categories recorded gains, whilst the other categories recorded negative variances (Refer table below).

	Quantity		Variance	Approx. FOB per kg Rs.			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	69,743,412	72,896,132	-3,152,720	1,532.52	1,498.02	34.50	4.76	5.02	-0.26
Tea Packets	74,203,381	78,877,425	-4,674,044	1,697.27	1,623.94	73.33	5.27	5.44	-0.17
Tea Bags	16,567,569	17,253,660	-686,090	3,013.77	2,785.34	228.43	9.36	9.33	0.03
Instant	2,733,682	2,244,057	489,625	3,558.98	3,662.39	-103.41	11.05	12.26	-1.21
Green Tea	3,077,461	3,279,460	-201,998	4,279.38	3,958.81	320.57	13.29	13.26	0.04
Grand Total	166,325,506	174,550,733	-8,225,227	1,837.70	1,756.23	81.47	5.71	5.88	-0.17

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Türkiye was ranked at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 30.42 M/Kgs, an increase of 143% YoY in comparison with August 2025 (12.49 M/Kgs), surpassing Iraq who at 2nd place has witnessed a 37% decline YoY with 16.42 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 26.0 M/Kgs recorded in 2025. Russia having recorded 15.39 M/Kgs is at 3rd place with a marginal increase of 4.25% vis-à-vis 14.77 M/Kgs in August 2025. Azerbaijan is at 4th place having imported 8.17 M/Kgs (37% increase YoY) followed by China with 6.50 M/Kgs (5% decrease YoY) having overtaken Libya with 6.23 M/Kgs (57% decrease YoY). Jordan secured 7th place with 5.81 M/Kgs followed by Syria with 5.60 M/Kgs at 8th position. Saudi Arabia and Chile complete the list of the top 10 importers of Ceylon Tea ranking at 9th and 10th positions with 5.53 M/Kgs and 5.49 M/Kgs respectively in the month of August 2026.