



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – JULY 2026

Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month of July 2026 was recorded at 20.41 M/Kgs – (decline of 3.63 M/Kgs YoY)
- Exports during January-July 2026 totalled 143.51 M/Kgs (decrease of 7.34 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison to the same period in 2025
- F.O.B. Value for the month was recorded at Rs. 1,921.95 (USD 5.72), recording a gain of Rs. 155.44 (negative USD 0.15) against the corresponding month of 2025
- Cumulative FOB value increased by Rs. 77.65 (negative USD 0.16) in comparison with the corresponding period of 2025
- Türkiye continues to maintain the top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea in July 2026

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* Tea Exports for the month of July 2026 recorded 20.41 M/Kgs, showing a decline of 3.63 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 24.04 M/Kgs of July 2025. Instant Tea recorded a positive variance against the corresponding period of the previous year, while all other categories recorded negative variances.

* FOB value in July 2026 was recorded at Rs. 1,921.95, an increase of Rs. 155.44 YoY compared to Rs. 1,766.51 of July 2025. Overall, all other categories except for Green Tea witnessed a decline in USD terms 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	8,589,429	10,162,714	-1,573,284	1,541.23	1,482.19	59.04	4.59	4.92	-0.34
Tea Packets	8,922,734	10,770,688	-1,847,955	1,780.49	1,612.16	168.33	5.30	5.35	-0.06
Tea Bags	2,155,049	2,243,299	-88,250	3,235.26	2,984.74	250.52	9.63	9.91	-0.28
Instant	349,656	297,989	51,667	3,531.72	3,832.83	-301.11	10.51	12.73	-2.22
Green Tea	390,725	563,704	-172,979	4,837.75	3,901.29	936.46	14.40	12.96	1.44
Grand Total	20,407,593	24,038,394	-3,630,801	1,921.95	1,766.51	155.44	5.72	5.87	-0.15

Source - Sri Lanka Customs

Currency conversion – Central Bank July 2026 Spot Rate

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* January-July 2026 cumulative exports totalled 143.51 M/Kgs, recording a negative variance of 7.34 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 150.85 M/Kgs of January-July 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. 1,826.16 (USD 5.70), an increase of Rs. 77.65 (decline of USD 0.16) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,748.51 (USD 5.86) of January-July 2025.

* All segments except for Instant Tea recorded gains in FOB value in LKR terms. In USD terms, Green Tea recorded a gain, while all other categories recorded negative variances compared to the corresponding period in 2025 (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	59,924,175	62,651,013	-2,726,838	1,530.58	1,494.70	35.88	4.78	5.01	-0.23
Tea Packets	63,894,509	68,584,768	-4,690,259	1,682.05	1,621.60	60.45	5.25	5.44	-0.19
Tea Bags	14,586,806	14,786,644	-199,838	2,957.54	2,755.82	201.72	9.23	9.24	-0.01
Instant	2,430,932	1,951,912	479,020	3,503.40	3,664.35	-160.95	10.93	12.29	-1.35
Green Tea	2,672,404	2,872,638	-200,233	4,198.44	3,827.06	371.38	13.10	12.83	0.27
Grand Total	143,508,828	150,846,976	-7,338,148	1,826.16	1,748.51	77.65	5.70	5.86	-0.16

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Türkiye was ranked at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 24.76 M/Kgs, an increase of 138% YoY in comparison with July 2025 (10.40 M/Kgs), whilst Iraq remained in 2nd place with a significant decrease of 36% YoY with 14.42M/Kgs vis-à-vis 22.61 M/Kgs recorded in 2025. Russia at 3rd place has recorded 13.35 M/Kgs, a 2.6% increase vis-à-vis 13.00 M/Kgs in July 2025. Azerbaijan at 4th place has imported 7.14 M/Kgs (49% increase YoY) followed by China with 5.59 M/Kgs (8% decrease YoY) and Libya at 6th position with 5.41 M/Kgs (58% decrease YoY). Jordan remains at 7th place with 5.22 M/Kgs, while Chile has moved up to 8th place with 4.97 M/Kgs. Saudi Arabia and Syria are also amongst the top 10 importers ranking at 9th and 10th positions with 4.77 M/Kgs and 4.70 M/Kgs respectively in the month of July 2026.