



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – JUNE 2025

Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month was recorded at 23.27 M/Kgs – (Increase of 2.31 M/Kgs YoY)
- Cumulative Exports totalled 126.80 M/Kgs (Increase of 7.69 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison with January-June 2024 total of 119.11 M/Kgs
- F.O.B Value for the month recorded at Rs. 1,714.08 (USD 5.72), recording a decline of Rs. 50.93 (decrease of USD 0.09) against the corresponding period of 2024. Cumulative FOB value declined by Rs. 25.95 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024, whilst the to-date USD earnings continued to show an overall improvement in all categories except for Packeted Tea
- Iraq continues to maintain top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea for the period January-June 2025, whilst Libya remains at 2nd place

June 2025/2024

* Tea Exports for the month of June 2025 totalled 23.27 M/Kgs, showing an increase of 2.31 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 20.96 M/Kgs of June 2024. All categories have recorded positive variances, except for the Tea in Bulk category. FOB value in June 2025 was recorded at Rs. 1,714.08, a decrease of Rs. 50.93 YoY compared to Rs. 1,765.01 of June 2024. In USD terms, the month of June also witnessed a decline of USD 0.09 in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 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	8,569,783	10,413,129	-1,843,346	1,460.65	1,553.98	-93.33	4.87	5.11	-0.24
Tea Packets	11,833,155	8,027,968	3,805,186	1,580.65	1,642.63	-61.98	5.27	5.41	-0.14
Tea Bags	2,086,653	1,924,642	162,011	2,752.01	2,833.07	-81.06	9.18	9.33	-0.15
Instant	322,637	264,003	58,634	4,010.71	3,309.03	701.68	13.37	10.89	2.48
Green Tea	453,969	326,562	127,407	3,573.01	3,959.39	-386.37	11.91	13.03	-1.12
Grand Total	23,266,197	20,956,305	2,309,892	1,714.08	1,765.01	-50.93	5.72	5.81	-0.09

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

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* January-June 2025 cumulative exports totalled 126.80 M/Kgs, recording a positive variance of 7.69 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 119.11 M/Kgs of January-June 2024. All segments, except for Tea in Bulk have recorded positive variances against the same period of the previous year.

* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,745.10, a decrease of Rs. 25.95 (increase of USD 0.09) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,771.05 of January-June 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 except for Tea Packets 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	52,488,300	56,322,260	-3,833,961	1,497.12	1,522.93	-25.80	5.03	4.96	0.07
Tea Packets	57,814,080	47,026,875	10,787,205	1,623.36	1,680.77	-57.41	5.45	5.47	(0.02)
Tea Bags	12,543,345	12,260,707	282,639	2,714.88	2,724.77	-9.89	9.12	8.87	0.24
Instant	1,653,923	1,339,389	314,534	3,634.00	3,245.02	388.98	12.20	10.57	1.64
Green Tea	2,308,934	2,163,564	145,369	3,808.94	3,875.05	-66.12	12.79	12.62	0.17
Grand Total	126,808,582	119,112,795	7,695,787	1,745.10	1,771.05	-25.95	5.86	5.77	0.09

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Iraq ranks at No. 01 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 18.71 M/Kgs, an increase of 28% YoY in January-June 2025 against the previous year's 14.67 M/Kgs, with Libya coming in 2nd Place with 11.47 M/Kgs, an improvement of 280% ahead of Russia in 3rd place who have witnessed a significant decline of 14% YoY with 11.20 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 13.05 M/Kgs recorded in 2024. The U.A.E with 8.82 M/Kgs (26% decrease YoY) followed by Türkiye who have recorded 7.90 M/Kgs (8% decrease YoY) surpassing Iran at 6.42 M/Kgs (2% increase YoY),). Chile has secured 7th place with 5.51 M/Kgs edging over China's 5.11 M/Kgs, Saudi Arabia at 4.17 M/Kgs and Azerbaijan at 3.79 M/Kgs for the year in progress.

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