



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – NOVEMBER 2025

Key Highlights:

- Ceylon Tea Exports for the month was recorded at 19.36 M/Kgs – (Decrease of 0.71 M/Kgs YoY)
- Cumulative Exports totalled 239.57 M/Kgs (Increase of 16.35 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison with January-November 2024 total of 223.22 M/Kgs
- F.O.B Value for the month recorded at Rs. 1,768.82 (USD 5.77), recording a Rs. 49.94 increase (decrease of USD 0.12) against the corresponding period of 2024
- Cumulative FOB Value declined by Rs. 14.48 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024, whilst to-date USD earnings all categories continued to show an overall improvement (Except for Packeted & Bulk Tea)
- Iraq continues to maintain top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea for the year

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* Tea Exports for the month of November 2025 totalled 19.36 M/Kgs, showing a decline of 0.71 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 20.07 M/Kgs of November 2024. Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets and Tea Bags categories have recorded negative variances, whilst Instant Tea and Green Tea categories have increased in comparison with the corresponding period of previous year.

* FOB value in November 2025 was recorded at Rs. 1,768.82, an increase of Rs. 49.94 YoY compared to Rs. 1,718.88 of November 2024, whilst in USD terms a decline of USD 0.12 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	7,623,233	8,297,905	-674,671	1,486.05	1,455.42	30.62	4.85	4.98	-0.13
Tea Packets	9,058,063	9,142,789	-84,726	1,643.90	1,619.08	24.82	5.37	5.54	-0.18
Tea Bags	2,117,532	2,137,145	-19,613	2,775.51	2,692.39	83.13	9.06	9.22	-0.16
Instant	200,228	146,223	54,006	3,629.59	2,899.23	730.36	11.85	9.93	1.92
Green Tea	360,224	347,835	12,389	3,942.26	4,149.44	-207.18	12.87	14.21	-1.34
Grand Total	19,359,281	20,071,897	-712,616	1,768.82	1,718.88	49.94	5.77	5.89	-0.12

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

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* January-November 2025 cumulative exports totalled 239.57 M/Kgs, recording a positive variance of 16.35 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 223.22 M/Kgs of January-November 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. 1,755.45, a decrease of Rs. 14.48 (increase of USD 0.01) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,769.93 of January-November 2024.

* Bulk and Packeted Teas recorded negative variances, whilst Tea Bags, Instant and Green Tea categories recorded gains in LKR terms in FOB value. In USD terms in all categories except for Tea Packets and Tea in Bulk showed an increase 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	98,821,849	101,282,557	-2,460,708	1,489.00	1,511.86	-22.86	4.96	4.99	(0.03)
Tea Packets	108,929,397	92,002,949	16,926,448	1,627.35	1,671.11	-43.76	5.42	5.51	(0.09)
Tea Bags	24,345,808	23,259,228	1,086,580	2,773.66	2,750.36	23.30	9.24	9.08	0.17
Instant	2,902,920	2,472,407	430,513	3,670.06	3,139.66	530.41	12.23	10.36	1.87
Green Tea	4,571,872	4,204,456	367,416	3,929.40	3,920.04	9.36	13.09	12.93	0.16
Grand Total	239,571,846	223,221,596	16,350,250	1,755.45	1,769.93	-14.48	5.85	5.84	0.01

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Iraq ranks at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 36.77 M/Kgs, an increase of 21% YoY in January-November 2025 against previous year's 30.37 M/Kgs. Russia ranked in 2nd Place with 19.94 M/Kgs, despite a decline of 13% in comparison with previous year closely followed by Türkiye at 3rd Place recording 19.89 M/Kgs, an improvement of 21% surpassing Libya who at 4th place witnessed a 115% increase YoY with 18.30 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 8.52 M/Kgs recorded in 2024. The U.A.E secured 5th place with a 16.93 M/Kgs (14% decline YoY), whilst Chile recorded 10.35 M/Kgs (32% increase YoY) surpassing Iran who has recorded 9.80 M/Kgs (2% Increase YoY). China secured 8th place with 9.65 M/Kgs followed by Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia at 8.05 M/Kgs and 7.94 M/Kgs respectively.