TEA BOARD
14, Biplabi Trailokya Maharaj Sarani
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Subject: Registration and Renewal of Small Tea Growers under Darjeeling Certification Trade Mark (CTM) Regime within Darjeeling GI area

Tea Board, as the registered proprietor of the Geographical Indication and Certification Trade Mark (CTM) for 'Darjeeling', has been issuing licenses to eligible stakeholders across the value chain to protect the integrity, origin and authenticity of Darjeeling tea.

In order to encourage inclusivity, bring small tea growers operating within the defined Darjeeling GI tract under the formal certification framework and ease their compliance burden, the competent authority of the Board has approved the introduction of a dedicated fee structure for registration and renewal period specifically applicable to Small Tea Growers.

Accordingly, the following terms and conditions shall govern the CTM registration and renewal for Small Tea Growers inside the Darjeeling GI area with immediate effect:

1. Registration Fee: The registration fee for all eligible Small Tea Growers under the Darjeeling CTM regime shall be ₹1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) plus applicable GST.
2. Renewal Fee: The renewal fee for each registered license shall be ₹500/-/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) plus applicable GST.
3. Validity & Renewal Period: The registration granted under this category shall remain valid for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of issue. Renewal of the CTM registration shall be carried out once every five years.
4. Eligibility: All Small Tea Growers having their tea plantations located within the notified Darjeeling GI area.

All eligible Small Tea Growers are advised to submit their applications along with the requisite documentation and fees to the designated office of the Tea Board.

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