

# Public Notice

## EXPORT OF LONG GRAIN BASMATI RICE FROM PAKISTAN TO SRI LANKA UNDER PAKISTAN - SRI LANKA FTA

Under the Pakistan – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA), Sri Lanka has given a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) of 6000 M. Tons, for the year 2017, for exports of Pakistani Long Grain Basmati Rice from Pakistan to Sri Lanka, at Zero-duty.

2. It is notified for the information of all exporters that, in the review meeting of Pakistan – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement held in Islamabad on 14 – 16 March, 2007, the following terms & condition were agreed for the utilization of the Tariff Rate Quota for Long Grain Basmati Rice, which is also applicable for the year 2017.

- a) This year, the Department of Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka, shall not allocate any quota to the importers in Sri Lanka. The Certificate of Origin issued by Pakistani authorities shall be accepted on first-come-first-served-basis, till the total TRQ for the year is exhausted.
- b) Details of government import agency in Sri Lanka will be

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Rest of the procedure will remain the same as stipulated in the Public Notice.

3. The Certificate of Origin will be issued by all offices of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan on first-cum-first-served-basis, until the TRQ is completely utilized, on submission of copies of bill of lading, commercial invoice and quality certificate (original) from the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP), certifying that the consignment is of Long Grain Pakistani Basmati Rice.

TCP while issuing quality certificate will make special examination to ascertain the following quality characteristics of the basmati consignments ascertaining that the shipments meet the requirement of Sri Lankan authorities which they have communicated before:

- i. Long slender shape
- ii. Milled length more than 6.6 mm
- iii. Milled breadth less than 2.0 mm
- iv. Length: Breadth ratio above 3
- v. Ascertained broken percentage in the Rice of less than half gain should not exceed 4%

4. It is also the requirement of Sri Lankan authorities that (I) cooked rice should be strongly aromatic, banana shape, lighter and fluffier and should not stick together, and (II) post-cooking elongation of more than 1.5 times as of its original length. These characteristics of Basmati Rice can only be ascertained after cooking, which is not possible at the quality certification stage, though it can be subject to spot checks by the TCP through retained samples. Exporters must ensure that their shipped rice is Basmati only and any variation would lead to rejection of their consignment at the other end.

5. Exporters will submit the application for allocation of quota along with security deposit of Rs.500/- per MT equivalent to approximately 12,000/- per container. If the application is for 3 containers then the amount would increase proportionately. The pay order will be in favour of the Accounts Officer, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) – with validity of one month from the date of shipment – who will not encash the Pay Orders unless the applicant has defaulted or violated the conditions, or the consignment gets rejected at Colombo by their authorities; otherwise, the pay orders would be released on submission of the certificate of clearance by the customs Colombo to TDAP through REAP – at any time after shipment within the validity of the pay orders.

6. The Certificate of Origin issued by the TDAP would be on post-shipment basis only. The TDAP will notify on its website [www.tdap.gov.pk](http://www.tdap.gov.pk), the upto date left-over TRQ quantity available for export.

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