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**FOREWORD**

This standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Agricultural and Food Products and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2012-11-28.

Tea extracts are derived from varieties of tea of the species *Camellia sinensis* (L) O. Kuntze, intended to be used for the preparation of a beverage and available in a variety of forms. Most are produced in solid powdered form but current production also includes liquid form as liquid tea concentrates. Some incorporate in their formulation flavouring substances which are not normally present in tea, such as lemon, mint, jasmine, etc., and significant quantities of non-tea carbohydrates. The various products exhibit different characteristics so that, for the purpose of specifying requirements, it is necessary to deal separately with each type of product and specifications for those types will be prepared when the need arises.

This standard was first published in 1976 and is being revised to cover liquid tea concentrates considering the present manufacturing and trade practices. Accordingly the title of the standard has been modified and also methods of test have been updated.

This standard is subject to the restrictions imposed under the Sri Lanka Food Act No. 26 of 1980, Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No. 14 of 1975 and the regulations framed thereunder, wherever applicable.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the results of a test or an analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with **SLS 102**. The number of significant places to be retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this specification.

In revising this standard, the assistance derived from publications of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is gratefully acknowledged.

**1 SCOPE**

**1.1** This standard prescribes the requirements, methods of testing and sampling for tea extracts.

**1.2** This standard does not apply to preparations of tea extracts containing added aromatic material unless these are derived exclusively from the plant *Camellia sinensis*.