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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard Specification has been prepared by the Drafting Committee of the Bureau on Tea. It was approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Divisional Committee of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards and was authorised for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau on 1981-10-26.

Over the years there has been built up in the tea industry in Sri Lanka a vocabulary of tea terms which is peculiar to the industry. These terms are generally the means of describing subjective assessments of the finer distinction and differences in the appearance and flavour of different qualities of tea. Because of the subjective nature of the assessment, there can arise instances when different interpretations can be given to the same term. In order to bring about a degree of uniformity in the use of these terms, it was considered desirable to prepare a glossary of tea terms commonly used in Sri Lanka.

This standard is the 1st revision of CS 71, first published in 1969. In this revision, the terms have been grouped under four categories, namely, dry leaf appearance, infused leaf, liquor and general terms. It is considered that the terms given in this glossary should be sufficient for all normal trade purposes.

Tea terms generally tend to be characteristic of each country, reflecting the conditions obtaining therein. There are often considerable variations in the meanings of the terms used in different countries. The efforts made by the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) to standardize the usage of these terms internationally has resulted in the issue of a Draft International Standard ISO/DIS 6078 on Black Tea - Vocabulary. Considerable work has been done by the ISO in reaching agreement on definitions and the usage of these terms. In the revision of this Sri Lanka Standard, due consideration has been given to this ISO publication.