



SPECIAL NOTICE TO BASMATI RICE IMPORTERS

**Department of Commerce
Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security**

Import of Basmati Rice under Pakistan-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA) for the Year of 2023

Issuance of duty-waiver recommendations by the Department of Commerce (DOC) for importation of 6,000 metric tons of Basmati Rice under Pakistan-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA) will commence with effect from 11th September 2023. The duty-waiver recommendations will be applicable only to **PK385 variety of Basmati Rice/ Super Kernel Basmati/ Super Basmati Rice/ 1121-Kainat Rice/ D-98 Basmati Rice** varieties imported from Pakistan. In order to be eligible to apply for duty-waiver recommendations, all interested parties have to register with the DOC, located at No. 492, 2nd Floor, L.H.P. Building, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03.

The deadline for registrations is **25th September 2023**, while all registrations will be valid only up to **31st December 2023**. Registration hours will be **from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm on working days**.

Documents required for New Registration

- a) Duly completed application form - Applications can be downloaded from, www.doc.lk
- b) The original and a certified copy of the company registration.*
- c) The original and a certified copy of the TIN certificate.*
- d) The original and a certified copy of the Form 01 or 20. (for companies)*
- e) Names and complete contact details of company directors / proprietor.
- f) Brief description of the company activities. (company profile)
- g) Company bank statements for the last three consecutive months certified by the bank. If the fund balance is negative, company should provide a letter from the respective bank, confirming the availability of credit facilities for the intended importation of basmati under PSFTA.
- h) Any other documents/information that would be required by the DOC.
- i) Approval letter from the supervisory authority of the public organization (Only for government institutions).

Additional Information Required

- j) The terms of payments (Letter of Credit, Documents against Payments, Contract).
- k) The exact quantity of importation.
- l) The intended date of completing the importation process that can be acceptable to the Director General of Commerce.

*** The original documents will be returned to the applicant after verification.**

Each consignment of rice imported under this facility should accompany a quality certificate/test report issued by the Rice Research & Development Institute, Bathalagoda (RRDI) and those imported Basmati should comply with the minimum quality/ standards prescribed by the Bathalagoda Rice Research and Development Institute.

Clearance of each import consignment will be subject to verification of quality and health standards etc., by Sri Lanka Customs.

For any additional details, please contact;

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