

NOTICE 454 OF 2003**DIRECTOR: IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROL****IMPORT PERMITS FOR DUTY FREE BLACK TEA**

In terms of the new dispensation for the tea industry, which came into effect 1 April 1999, 7 800 tons of bulk black tea, classifiable under tariff subheading 0902.40, originating from Malawi (6 000 tons) and Zimbabwe (1 800 tons) can be imported duty free into the Republic of South Africa per annum. The policy was accepted to reserve five per cent for new entrants, which if calculated amounts to 300 tons from Malawi and 90 tons from Zimbabwe.

New entrants, i.e. firms that are involved in the packing of tea of a mass not exceeding 1 kg and firms that wishes to engage in the packing of tea of a mass not exceeding 1 kg, which is not in the possession of a import permit to import bulk tea duty free from either Zimbabwe or Malawi, are requested to apply to the Director: Import and Export Control should they wish to obtain such a permit.

Applicants should furnish the Director: Import and Export Control with a duly completed application form (H461), which is available at the following website address <http://www.dti.gov.za>. **Please note that it is imperative that the brand name under which the packed tea is/will be marked be provided.**

Applicants who wishes to apply should direct their enquiries to Mr A. Zietsman, Tel: (012) 428-7755, who will advise them on the guidelines to be adopted in considering such applications.

Applications should be submitted within six weeks of this notice to:

Director Import and Export Control
Private Bag X753
Pretoria
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