



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**TEA RESEARCH BOARD (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 5 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to expand the functions of the Board by including environmental safeguards and also to specify to whom research results will be disseminated.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 6 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to rectify inconsistency with other related laws.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 7 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to restructure the constitution of the Board.

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L.D.—O. 22/2014

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEA RESEARCH BOARD  
ACT, No. 52 OF 1993

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Tea Research Board Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, No. of 2019.

5 2. Section 5 of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of Amendment  
1993 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) of section 5  
is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (a), of the Act,  
the following paragraph:— No. 52 of  
1993.

10 “(a) to conduct, assist and encourage scientific and  
technological research in, and investigations of,  
all matters pertaining to the production and  
manufacture of tea, including the prevention and  
control of diseases and pests affecting tea,  
15 conservation of soil in tea lands, quality of fertilizer  
used, maintaining the quality of tea planting  
material, assessing and dealing with the impact of  
climate change and diversification of tea products;  
and to disseminate and publish at its discretion, the  
20 results of such research to the Tea Small Holdings  
Development Authority established by the Tea  
Small Holdings Development Law, No.35 of 1975,  
tea small holders, large scale estate sector and to  
other stakeholders;”.

3. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment  
of section 6  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

- (1) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (j) thereof, of the following new paragraph:-

5 “(k) (i) to prevent the import of any tea planting material except under the authority of a Plant Importation Permit issued to the Director of the Tea Research Institute by the Director General of the Department of Agriculture under the Plant Protection Act, No. 35 of 1999 and in the case of export, to issue a phytosanitary certificate on the request of the country of import;

15 (ii) For the purpose of this paragraph “ tea planting material” includes any kind of planting material that may be capable of being used directly as propagules including cuttings, shoots, scions, stumps, seeds, in vitro cultures (micro propagules) or any kind of plant material that can be regenerated to produce plants indirectly, including any form of somatic or reproductive tissues, organs and also germplasms, improved varieties, cultivars, wild forms of tea from any living portion of any tea plant capable of being used for propagation;” and

- 30 (2) by renumbering paragraphs (k), (l), (m), (n) and (o) as paragraphs (l), (m), (n), (o) and (p) of that section.

4. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following:-

Amendment of section 7 of the principal enactment.

5 “(b) the following nominated members appointed by the Minister, namely –

- (i) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries, nominated by that Minister;
- 10 (ii) a representative of the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance not below the rank of a Senior Assistant Secretary, nominated by that Minister;
- 15 (iii) a representative of the Sri Lanka Tea Board established by the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No.14 of 1975, nominated by such Board;
- 20 (iv) a representative of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority established by the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975, nominated by such Authority;
- 25 (v) two members nominated by the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries from amongst persons having sufficient knowledge and experience in research and development in the Agricultural Sector;

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5 (vi) a representative of the Planters' Association of Ceylon established by the Planters' Association of Ceylon Ordinance (Chapter 291), nominated by such Association;

10 (vii) two members representing the Trade Unions, who shall be selected on such criteria as may be determined by the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries;

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph "Trade Unions" shall have the same meaning as in the Trade Unions Ordinance (Chapter 138);

15 (viii) a representative of the Sri Lanka Federation of Tea Small Holdings Development Societies established under the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975,  
20 nominated by that Federation; and

(ix) a representative of the Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners' Association, nominated by that Association.".

25 **5.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

