



TEA BOARD OF KENYA

Realizing the Tea Promise

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TO: ALL TEA FACTORIES / TEA PRODUCERS

- SMALLHOLDER TEA FACTORIES
- LARGE-SCALE / PLANTATION TEA FACTORIES
- INDEPENDENT TEA FACTORIES

BANNING OF GREEN LEAF HAWKING/DIVERSION

The tea industry has undertaken several fundamental reforms to streamline the sector towards sustainability and profitability. Recent reforms include the need to improve the quality of green leaf processed by tea factories/producers for better tea prices and returns to the tea growers and investors.

To actualize the above milestone, the Cabinet Secretary, Agriculture, and Livestock Development has issued a directive to producers/factories and has banned green leaf hawking malpractice and other forms of malpractices perpetrated by the tea factories/producers, green leaf brokers, and errant tea growers.

Through this circular, all tea factories/producers are hereby cautioned against engaging in green leaf hawking, collection of leaf along the roadside where there are no leaf collection centers, using green leaf brokers, and using leaf collection vehicles that are not registered with the Board.

We look forward to your cooperation.

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