

Government of Pakistan
Trade Development Authority of Pakistan
(Formerly Export Promotion Bureau)

No. 1(30)/Pak-Lanka FTA/GSP-05

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Export of Long Grain Pakistani Basmati Rice from Pakistan to Sri Lanka
under Pakistan – Sri Lanka FTA.

Under the Pakistan – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA), Sri Lanka has given a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) of 6000 M. Tons, for the year 2008, for exports of Long Grain Pakistani Basmati Rice from Pakistan to Sri Lanka, at Zero-duty.

2. It is notified for the information of all exporters that, in the review meeting of Pakistan Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement held in Islamabad on 14 – 16 March 2007, the following terms & condition have been agreed for the utilization of the Tariff Rate Quota for Long Grain Pakistani Basmati Rice, which are also applicable for the year 2008

- a) The Department of Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka, shall not allocate any quota to the importers in Sri Lanka. The Certificate of Origin issued by Pakistani authorities shall be accepted on first-come-first-served-basis, till the total TRQ for the year is exhausted.
- b) The importers in Sri Lanka will apply for issuance of “Letter of Recommendation” through the Department of Commerce to the Ministry of Finance, Government of Sri Lanka. The Application alongwith a copy of Certificate of Origin (fax copy also acceptable) will be processed even before the arrival of the consignment.
- c) A quantity (500 M.tones) shall be kept reserved for imports by Public Sector agencies of Sri Lanka.

3. Certificate of Origin will be issued by all offices of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) on first-cum-first-served-basis, until the TRQ is completely utilized, on submission of copies of bill of lading, commercial invoice and quality certificate (original) from the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) or the Quality Review Committee (QRC), certifying that the consignment is of Long Grain Pakistani Basmati Rice.

4. The Certificate of Origin issued by TDAP would be on post-shipment basis only. TDAP will notify on its website (www.tdap.gov.pk), the upto date left-over TRQ quantity available for export.

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