



## **SPECIAL NOTICE TO BASMATI RICE IMPORTERS UNDER PSFTA**

Department of Commerce  
Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development

### **Import of Basmati Rice under Pakistan-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA) for the year of 2025**

Issuance of duty-exemption 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) for 2025 will commence with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The deadline for registrations is **9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, while all registrations will be valid only up to **31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**. Registration hours will be **from 9.00am to 2.30pm on working days**.

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.

The quota applications can be handed over to the Department of Commerce, located at No. 492, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, L.H.P. Building, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03.

#### **Documents required for New Registration**

- a) Duly completed application form - Applications can be downloaded from [www.doc.gov.lk](http://www.doc.gov.lk)
- b) The original and a certified copy of the company registration.\*
- c) The original and a certified copy of the TIN certificate.\*
- d) Any other documents/information that would be required by the DOC.

A registration fee of LKR 10,000 will be charged per registration (Non-Refundable). Payment should be made to the following bank account. Kindly, mention 'Basmati-PSFTA/ 2025' in the description of the payment slip.

A/C No.	- 014100129027293
Account Holder	- Director General of Commerce
Bank branch and Name	- Union Place, People's Bank

Upon the confirmation of allocation of quota, registered importers can import basmati rice under the PSFTA and request for a duty exemption certificates from the Department of Commerce by submitting following documents.

- a) The original letter of registration issued by the Department of Commerce
- b) Payment receipt (bank deposit slip) of the registration fee
- c) Original and a copy of the Certificate of Origin issued by the Trade and Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP)
- d) Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research Development of Plant Protection of Pakistan
- e) Certificate of fumigation issued by any institute approved the Ministry of National Food Security and Research Department of Plant Protection of Pakistan
- f) A third-party quality certificate issued from SGS Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd, confirming the exact variety of Basmati.
- g) Quality certificate/s issued by M/s Trading Cooperation of Pakistan, confirming the exact variety of Basmati
- h) Original and a copy of the Bill of Lading, Commercial invoice, Packing list

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

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

For any additional details, please contact;

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