

## SMALLHOLDER TEA AUTHORITY ORDER

under s. 4

G.N. 26/1967

129/1968

56/1969

267/1969

268/1970

63/1971

88/1971

117/1985

### 1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Smallholder Tea Authority Order.

### 2. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Authority” means the Smallholder Tea Authority established under this Order;

“green leaf” means leaf detached from tea plants but not artificially dried or processed in any way;

“grower” means any person who has planted or is cultivating tea or who intends to plant and cultivate tea as a smallholder;

“licensed grower” means a grower licensed under any rules for the time being in force pertaining to the growing of tea by smallholders;

“nursery” means any place where planting material is prepared and cultivated;

“planting material” includes seeds, seedlings, roots, stumps, cuttings and any other means of propagating tea;

“smallholder” means a person growing not more than 4 hectares of tea on any land whether customary, private or public; G.N. 267/1969, 117/1985

“tea location” means an area, the boundaries of which are defined by the Authority, and within which growers have common interests;

“tea” means tea grown by a smallholder.

### 3. Establishment of the Smallholder Tea Authority

There is hereby established an Authority, to be known as the Smallholder Tea Authority, for promoting and fostering the development of tea by smallholders in the areas of Mulanje, Thyolo and Nkhata Bay districts.

### 4. Composition of Authority

(1) The Authority shall consist of—

- (a) the Principal Secretary, who shall be Chairman;
- (b) the Deputy Secretary (Agriculture);
- (c) a representative nominated by the Tea Association and appointed by the Minister;
- (d) the Secretary to the Treasury;
- (e) not more than two persons noted for their ability and experience in the field of finance or commerce as the Minister may appoint;
- (f) not more than three growers’ representatives who shall—
  - (i) be appointed by the Minister who, in making such appointments, shall be advised by the district committees set up under paragraph 13 of this Order;
  - (ii) be appointed from areas in which, in the opinion of the Minister, tea growing or interest in tea growing warrants representation;

(g) not more than one other member who, in the opinion of the Minister, is qualified to further the work of the Authority; and

(h) a representative, if the institution so desires, appointed by the Minister on the advice of any institution which provides medium- or long-term loan, for so long as such loan is outstanding.