

***Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security***  
***National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office (NAPRO)***  
***COMMUNIQUE***  
***Renewal of 'Cultivation of Green Leaf (Tea) Licence'***

The Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security wishes to inform all tea cultivators and tea manufacturers that NAPRO will proceed with the renewal of 'Cultivation of Green Leaf (Tea) Licence' as from 15 June 2022. As per section 8(3)(c) of the National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office Act 2013, applicants are required to produce documentary proof of ownership of land, or any lease agreement entered into by the applicants in respect of the land where they maintain tea cultivation.

In light of the above, licensees applying for renewal of their licence will have to submit the following documents as required:

- (i) where the licensee is the owner of the land upon which tea is being cultivated - documents to be produced are title deed and location plan,
- (ii) where the licensee is a lessee of state lands - document to be produced is a valid lease agreement, and
- (iii) where the licensee is a lessee of a private land(s) - documents to be produced are valid lease agreement and proof of ownership of the lessor i.e. title deed and location plan.

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