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Sri Lanka's merchandise exports surpassed USD 1 billion mark!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Seminar on Food Standardization towards the International Market

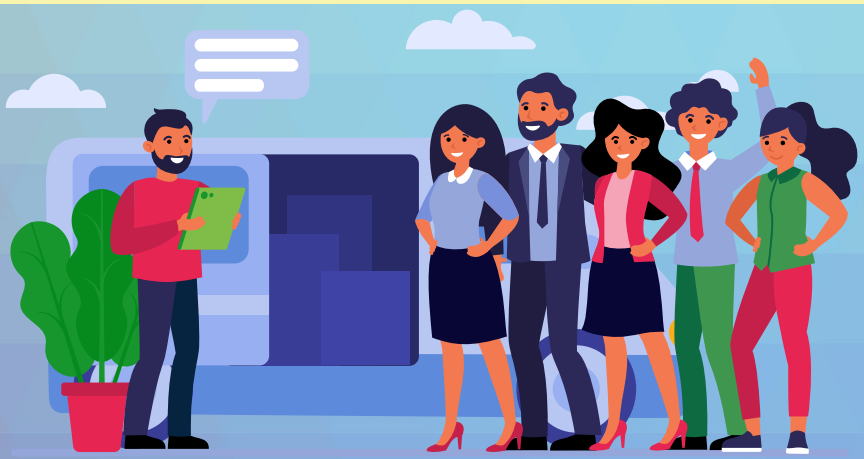


We invite you to join our upcoming Seminar on Food Standardization towards the International Market, scheduled for the last week of October 2023.

In an increasingly globalized world, maintaining food safety standards is paramount. It ensures the quality and integrity of our products, builds consumer trust, and opens doors to international markets. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights into the latest standards and practices that can propel your business onto the global stage.

Meeting with Suppliers / Producers in Kandy District Organized by the REDA

(Regional Economic Development Agency) Central Province jointly with the NCE



25th October 2023

In coordination with the REDA, the NCE invites members to join the delegation to Kandy Districts in Sri Lanka to meet with potential producers covering the different Product Sectors. This is a good opportunity for Exporters to meet with the producers at the regional level and discuss their requirements.

The main objective of this event is to create a platform for Exporters to source their produce and set up a value chain. Participation of 50-60 producers from the mentioned sectors are expected at this event and industry exporters can share their experience and also identify the industrialist issues, and development needs, and assist these producers in solving those problems.

Collaborative Meeting Between NCE Officials and the Ministry of Investment Promotion



Officials from the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) convened a meeting with Mr. Nayamudeen, the Secretary of the Ministry of Investment Promotion, on September 4th, 2023. The primary agenda of this meeting was to address the challenges encountered by companies registered with the Board of Investment (BOI) when importing RSS Rubber.

NCE members have encountered various obstacles in the importation of RSS Rubber, ranging from delays to bureaucratic hurdles. These challenges have significantly impacted their business operations and global competitiveness.

The Ministry expressed its commitment to collaborating with the NCE to identify and implement solutions for the benefit of NCE members facing these challenges.

Sri Lanka Tea Board Extends Collaboration with NCE



The National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) has extended strategic collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tea Board. This collaboration is specifically designed to enhance the visibility and promotional efforts of our tea-exporter community. We are eagerly looking forward to continuing our joint efforts to empower and elevate our exceptional exporters. Our shared goal is to expand the global reach of Ceylon Tea, reinforcing our nation's position on the global stage.

NCE Workshop on Trade Agreements: Leveraging Export Benefits



In collaboration with the Department of Commerce, the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) recently hosted a series of group sessions focused on Trade Agreements. The workshops aimed to enhance awareness among exporters about the potential benefits of trading under preferential schemes, regional, bilateral, and free trade agreements.

The NCE Workshop on Trade Agreements comprised two informative sessions. The first session took place on 05th September 2023, followed by the second session on 26th September 2023. These sessions were attended by a total of 50 participants eager to expand their knowledge in the field of international trade.

Mr. Sanjeewa Pattiwila, Deputy Director of Commerce, and Mr. Sanjeewa Bandara, Assistant Director of Commerce, played pivotal roles during the workshop. They delivered detailed and insightful presentations that shed light on the intricacies of trade agreements. These presentations covered a wide range of topics, including the advantages of preferential schemes, the significance of regional trade agreements, and the potential of bilateral and free trade agreements in boosting exports.



The NCE and the Department of Commerce are committed to fostering a deeper understanding of trade agreements and their role in promoting export-led growth. The success of these informative sessions underscores the importance of knowledge-sharing in the ever-evolving landscape of international trade.

The NCE Workshop on Trade Agreements served as a valuable platform for exporters to learn, network, and explore new avenues for expanding their businesses. As global trade continues to evolve, staying informed about trade agreements is a critical aspect of success for exporters seeking to maximize their export potential. The NCE remains dedicated to providing such opportunities for growth and learning in the future.

Meeting the Officials of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO)



In a significant development for Sri Lanka's intellectual property landscape, representatives from the National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) recently engaged in a crucial meeting with Mrs. Geethanjali Ranawaka, the esteemed Director General of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO). The meeting, held on September 6th, 2023, marked a pivotal step toward enhancing the protection and recognition of Sri Lankan brands on the global stage.

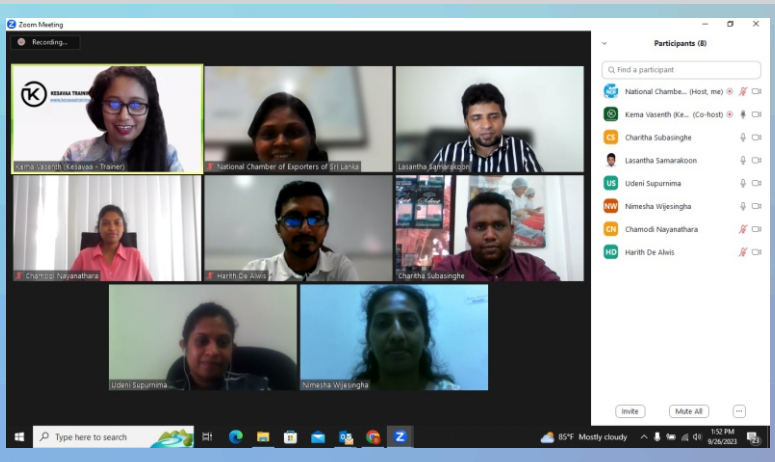
The primary objective of this meeting was to address the various challenges and obstacles that have been impeding Sri Lanka's accession to the Madrid Protocol—an international treaty aimed at simplifying and streamlining trademark registration for businesses operating across borders.

Both the NCE and NIPO expressed their unwavering commitment to forging a collaborative partnership to expedite the accession process to the Madrid Protocol. By doing so, they aim to remove the existing barriers that have hindered Sri Lankan brands from gaining the global recognition and protection they rightfully deserve.

The Madrid Protocol, administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), offers a simplified and cost-effective mechanism for businesses to register and protect their trademarks internationally. By joining this international treaty, Sri Lankan businesses will gain access to a streamlined process for registering their trademarks in multiple countries simultaneously. This will not only reduce administrative burdens but also enhance the global visibility and competitiveness of Sri Lankan brands.

PCQI Training Sessions held on 21st ,22nd & 26th of September

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka recently organized a training program known as the 'Preventive Controls Qualified Individual Course (PCQI)' for professionals working in the food production, packaging, and beverage industries. The event, held on September 21st, 22nd, and 26th, 2023, signifies a significant step towards ensuring the highest standards of safety and quality in Sri Lanka's food sector.



The PCQI course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills hazards, necessary to effectively implement preventive controls and manage food safety as mandated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). This course is not only valuable for exports to the U.S. market but also enhances overall food safety practices in Sri Lanka.

By organizing such training initiatives, the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka demonstrates its commitment to supporting the country's food industry in maintaining and elevating food safety standards. The knowledge and skills imparted through the PCQI course are essential not only for exports but also for safeguarding the health and well-being of the local population by reducing the risks associated with foodborne illnesses.

NCE held its monthly Management Committee & Council Meeting







The National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) convened its monthly Management Committee & Council Meeting on September 20, 2023, at the Best Western Hotel.

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive overview of the chamber's activities conducted throughout the month. A significant highlight of the meeting was the presence of Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara, Minister of Labour & Foreign Employment, Sri Lanka, accompanied by his consultant/ secretary, Mr. Shan Yahampath. The Minister presented the initiatives undertaken for amending labour laws, acknowledging the NCE's proposals that had been submitted. Council Members had the opportunity to engage with the Minister, seeking clarification on pertinent questions and discussing sector-specific issues. Following the meeting, a networking event provided a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among attendees. TCC Info Tech Pvt Ltd, the event's main sponsor, shared valuable insights on how their services can assist exporters in their endeavours.

NCE Exporters Fellowship



The National Chamber of Exporters (NCE) hosted the 02nd NCE Exporters fellowship evening on 22nd September 2023, at Hotel Jetwing Col.07. The event was a key component of the Chamber's Membership Drive initiative, aimed at fostering stronger ties with the export community and showcasing the manifold activities undertaken by the NCE for the benefit of exporters.

The gathering brought together approximately 25 eminent exporters hailing from diverse sectors, providing them with a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and engagement. Dr. Kingsley Bernard, Chairman of the Export Development Board (EDB), graced the occasion as a special guest. His presence emphasized the collaborative efforts between the NCE and government institutions to promote and empower the export industry.

Mr. Indhra Kaushal Rajapaksha, the Managing Director of Kalhari Enterprises, representing the NCE Management Committee highlighted the NCE's commitment to representing the interests of exporters and creating opportunities for growth in Sri Lanka's export sector.
The fellowship evening was marked by lively discussions, valuable insights, and the sharing of best practices. It served as a testament to the NCE's dedication to fostering a vibrant export community, promoting innovation, and facilitating the growth of Sri Lanka's exports on the global stage. With such initiatives, the NCE continues to play a pivotal role in advancing the interests of the export sector and contributing to the economic prosperity of the nation.

NCE Business Delegation to UK
(11th to 16th September 2023)



We are delighted to share the highlights of the recent NCE Business Delegation's visit to the United Kingdom from 11th to 16th September 2023. The Sri Lankan High Commission in the UK, under the adept coordination of Ms. H.E. Saroja Sirisena the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, played a pivotal role in orchestrating this remarkable journey. Minister (Commercial) Mr. Somasena Mahadiulwewa and Second Secretary Commercial Mrs. Gaya Senaratne were instrumental in arranging productive Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings with UK buyers, tailored to match the delegate profiles.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Hon. Ali Sabry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for his unwavering assistance and support, which contributed significantly to the success of this delegation.

The Delegation Comprised by Eight Distinguished Sri Lankan Companies:

- **Fanam International (Pvt) Ltd.:** Specializing in Livestock, Horticulture, Floriculture & Agriculture.
- **Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd:** Renowned for Tea Exports.
- **Laugh Corporation (Rubber) Ltd.:** Leading in Industrial Solid Rubber Tires.
- **Ruhunu Lanka Minerals (Pvt) Ltd.:** Experts in Construction, Interior Design, Engineered Stone Surfaces & Quartz Surfacing.
- **Link Natural Products (Pvt) Ltd.:** Offering Herbal health care and personal care products, Essential oils & Ayurveda products.
- **Senikma Holdings (Pvt) Ltd:** Specialists in Coconut Kernel Products, Dehydrated Fruits & Spices.
- **City Cycle Industries Manufacturing (Pvt) Ltd.:** Manufacturing Bicycles & Electric Bicycles.
- **Stay Naturals (Pvt) Ltd:** Known for Spices & Botanical Extracts.

NCE Business Delegation to UK | Contd.
(11th to 16th September 2023)

A significant portion of our itinerary on September 11th and 12th involved a visit to the UK's prestigious "Specialty & Fine Food Fair." This event showcased an array of artisanal food and drink offerings, drawing both major industry players and local artisans. It provided a valuable platform for our delegation to explore potential partnerships and collaborations.



In addition to the fair, the delegation actively participated in a series of productive Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings, hosted in collaboration with members of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. These engagements facilitated networking, knowledge sharing, and the exploration of new business opportunities between Sri Lanka and the UK.



We are pleased to announce that NCE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, endorsing the Certificate of Ethical Trading offered by NCE. This marks a significant step towards promoting ethical business practices and sustainable trade relationships between our nations.



The NCE Business Delegation's visit to the UK was a resounding success, fostering stronger ties and opening doors to new horizons in trade and commerce. We look forward to the continued growth and prosperity of Sri Lanka's business landscape as a result of these fruitful endeavors. Stay tuned for more updates on our future initiatives and partnerships.



A unique Certificate
Exclusively for NCE Members

Be an Ethically Certified Exporter

The National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) issues the "Certificate of Ethical Trading (CET)" in collaboration with INDEXPO certification Limited to member exporters of NCE who follow Ethical Trading and Conformity to Good Environmental and Social Practices, based on 08 principles which have been developed and followed by the chamber.

MAIN BENEFITS

- A Credible Certificate of value from the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka.
- Comply with international standards on ethical behavior, labour, environment etc.
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- Provides your enterprise a competitive advantage in international markets.
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More Info

CERTIFICATE OF ETHICAL TRADING

The following NCE Members have been awarded the CET and conform to changing regulatory needs and consumer preferences through good practices related to Trade, labour, Ethical behavior,Environment & Society.

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Bio food Exports (Pvt) Ltd	Brilliant Cuts (Pvt) Ltd	Ceyline Maritime Services (Pvt) Ltd
Ceylon Jewelry Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd	Colombo Export and Import Agencies (Pvt) Ltd	D. Samson Industries (Pvt) Ltd
Diamond Cutters Limited	Diamond International Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	dkw-Aqua International (Pvt) Ltd
Dutch Lanka Trailer Manufacturers Limited	E-Silk Route Ventures (Pvt)Ltd	Farmchemie Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd
Flex Film International (Pvt) Ltd	GreenKeepers (Pvt) Limited	Green Way Asia Lanka (PVT) Ltd

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Imperial Tea Exports (Pvt) Ltd

Janet Lanka (Pvt) Ltd

Kandrick Tea Beverages Lanka

LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber) Limited

Lumbini Aquaria International (Pvt) Ltd

Mabroc Teas (Pvt) Ltd

Macksons Paints Industries (Pvt) Ltd

Maliban Biscuit Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd

Miami Clothing (Pvt) Ltd

Napronet (Pvt) Ltd

Nidro Supply(Pvt) Ltd

Oceaneeds (Pvt) Ltd

Pan Asia Coloured Yarns (Pvt) Ltd

People's Organisation for Development Import and Export

Regency Teas (Pvt) Ltd

Rhino Roofing Products Limited

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Rileys (Pvt) Ltd

Riococo Lanka (Pvt) Ltd

Samson Bikes (Pvt) Ltd

Samson Manufacturers (Pvt) Ltd

Samson Rajarata Tiles (Pvt) Ltd

Samson Rubber Products (Pvt) Ltd

Scanwell Logistics Colombo (Pvt) Ltd

Sierra Cables PLC

Spectra Integrated Logistics (Pvt) Ltd

Spectra Logistics (Pvt) Ltd

Statesman Hats (Pvt) Ltd

Tantra (Pvt) Ltd

Taprobane Seafoods (Pvt) Ltd

Textrip (Pvt) Ltd

Tropikal Life International (Pvt) Ltd

Wichy Plantation Company (Pvt) Ltd

NEWS ROOM

Sri Lanka Shippers' Council and Export Development Board Join Forces to Boost Sri Lanka's Export Sector

In a collaborative effort to advance Sri Lanka's export industry, the Sri Lanka Shippers' Council (SLSC) convened with the Export Development Board (EDB) to address industry critical issues and outline strategies to enhance the nation's export capabilities...

Read More..

NIPO Meeting

NCE officials met with Mrs. Geethanjali Ranawaka - Director General of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka on 06th September 2023 to discuss the barriers in accession of the Madrid Protocol to showcase the Sri Lankan Brands internationally. NCE will closely work with NIPO to fasten the process of accession to the Madrid system.

Read More..

Samson Rajarata Tiles marks two decades excellence

Samson Rajarata Tiles, Sri Lanka's number one natural roofing and flooring tiles, celebrates a remarkable journey of two decades in operation inclusive of innovation, quality and sustainability.

Samson Rajarata Tiles is a fully owned subsidiary of D Samson Group, commonly known as DSI, one of Sri Lanka's largest business conglomerate that operates in 16 sectors with 22 strategic business units.

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Email Communications & Announcements

1. Group Awareness Session on Trade Agreements – Organized by the National Chamber of Exporters of Sri Lanka (NCE) Read More..

2. Survey on how to facilitate and improve exports to India. Read More..

3. Job Fair – Workforce Requirement of NCE Member Exporters. Read More..

4. Invitation to join the WhatsApp Group for NCE Members. Read More..

5. Sectorial Issued Faced by NCE Members. Read More..

Dollar to Sri Lankan Rupee Currency Exchange Rate Prediction

As we approach the month of October, investors and traders are closely monitoring the Dollar to Sri Lankan Rupee (USD/LKR) currency exchange rate for potential trends and fluctuations. Several factors are likely to influence the exchange rate in the upcoming month.Firstly, economic data releases from both the United States and Sri Lanka will play a crucial role. Strong economic data from the US, such as GDP growth and employment figures, may strengthen the Dollar and lead to a higher exchange rate. Conversely, positive economic developments in Sri Lanka, such as increased foreign investments or improved trade balances, may bolster the Rupee.Additionally, geopolitical events and global market sentiment can impact the USD/LKR exchange rate.

Any unexpected developments, such as changes in trade policies or international tensions, can lead to sudden fluctuations.In conclusion, the Dollar to Sri Lankan Rupee exchange rate for October is subject to economic data, geopolitical events, and global sentiment. Investors should stay vigilant and keep a close eye on these factors for a better understanding of potential exchange rate movements in the coming month.

Dollar to SL Rupee forecast for the upcoming days..

Date	Rate	Min Rate	Max Rate
2023-09-30	322.870	322.128	323.592
2023-10-01	322.649	321.994	323.395
2023-10-02	322.978	322.265	323.757
2023-10-03	323.446	322.719	324.178
2023-10-04	323.724	323.009	324.446
2023-10-05	323.888	323.212	324.681
2023-10-06	323.394	322.658	324.116
2023-10-07	322.659	321.817	323.466
2023-10-08	322.438	321.581	323.200
2023-10-09	322.768	321.942	323.538
2023-10-10	323.235	322.367	324.000
2023-10-11	323.513	322.672	324.352
2023-10-12	323.677	322.771	324.538
2023-10-13	323.183	322.282	324.069

Source

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the NCE Family

The following export-oriented organizations joined the Chamber during the month of September 2023.

General Members (Ordinary / Associate)

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www.unitea.lk

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ESNA CEYLON TEAS (PVT) Ldt

60/7, 1/1, Horton Place, Colombo 07

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011 26 94 539

www.esnaluxurytea.com

Clinco Rubber Moulding (Pvt) Ltd

Dostarawatte, Mudukatuwa, Marawila

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032 22 54 798

www.clincorubber.com

Sapumal Industries Pvt Ltd

No. F. 19/3, Nankurugama, Mawanella

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035 22 46 642

www.sapumal.com

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The following export-oriented organizations joined the Chamber during the month of September 2023.

Aspiring Exporters

Bliss International PVT LTD

283/5, Lake Road, Boralesgamuwa

jayblissinternational@gmail.com

011 25 16 776

www.blissint.lk

Ruhunu Lanka Mineral (Pvt) Ltd

No.34/1, Castle Street, Colombo 08

info@crystalstone.lk

011 26 67 850

www.crystalstone.lk

Nucaza International Holdings (Pvt) Ltd

No 239/2/1, Hill street, Dehiwala

N/A

011 27 38 833

N/A

Ramlo Food Hub (Pvt) Ltd

No. 576, Galle Rd, Katubedda, Moratuwa

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077 00 56 975

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Main Services by the Chamber

PUBLICATION OF THE "SRI LANKA EXPORTER" MAGAZINE

The Magazine is published quarterly and carries valuable articles of current interest to Exporters such as, trade information, export statistics, export market trends, export performance indicators etc. It is distributed among Member companies of the Chamber and to all trade points in Sri Lanka and overseas markets and also to leading corporate clients. The Magazine is also a powerful platform for Exporters and services providers to exporters to advertise and create awareness of their products and services.

EXPORTER DIGEST

Exporter Digest is a monthly publication released on the first of each month that highlights Chamber activities and provides brand recognition to our Exporters and Strategic Partners. This publication also includes an outline of the Chamber's upcoming events.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND RELATED EXPORT DOCUMENTS

The NCE is a designated Chamber by State authorities to issue Certificates of Origin (CO) and related documents to Sri Lankan Exporters. COs issued to both member and non-member exporters and all Members are entitled to concessionary rates that can be obtained manually or digitally.

RECOGNITION OF EXPORT PERFORMANCE

The Annual NCE Export Awards, the flagship event of the Chamber serves to recognize and reward export performance of Sri Lankan Exporters of Goods and Services, and Service Providers to Exporters. It is open for both member and non-member exporters in Sri Lanka. It is the most prestigious event in the Sri Lankan business calendar.

DISSEMINATION OF TRADE INQUIRIES AND TRADE LEADS

Trade inquiries and trade leads received from Sri Lankan missions overseas, foreign trade Chambers, and other trade organizations are disseminated to members on a timely basis. Specific trade inquiries are provided exclusively to members in the relevant sectors.

CONDUCT OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS

Conduct Training Programmes on export related subjects for the benefit of members and non members

PARTICIPATION IN TRADE FAIRS, EXHIBITIONS, TRADE DELEGATIONS ETC.

Participates in overseas and local Trade fairs & Trade Exhibitions and Organizes Trade Promotion Programmes and Trade Delegations, as well as Inward Buying Missions.

ETHICAL TRADING CERTIFICATION (CET) - A unique certificate Exclusively for NCE Members

The Chamber issues the 'Certificate of Ethical Trading' to Member Exporters who follow Ethical Trading and Conformity to Good Environmental and Social Practices, based on 08 Principles which have been developed and followed by the Chamber. The certification confirms that the Member Complies with international standards on ethical behavior, labour, environment etc. The CET Provides a competitive advantage in international markets.

Main Services by the Chamber
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WEBSITE FACILITIES (www.nce.lk)

The website provides free listing for member companies and frequent updates on chamber activities and Trade related information.

SECTORAL MEETINGS

The Chamber organizes monthly Sectoral meetings for members under the leadership of the Sectoral Heads in the Council of the Chamber, in order to prepare strategic plans for the sectors, and to highlight policy and operational issues which need resolution.

REPRESENTATION OF MACRO AND INDIVIDUAL ISSUES

Represents and supports individual as well as macro issues faced by members, at the relevant State Institutions and Forums, with a view to resolving them.

DISSEMINATION OF MARKET INFORMATION, TRADE STATISTICS AND BUYER INFORMATION

Trade related information sent by partnering Chambers , Sri Lankan Missions and other sources such as retailers , whole sellers and import houses are disseminated to members.

AUDITORIUM FACILITIES

Provides Auditorium Facilities to members as well as non-members to conduct meetings, workshops and training programs.

LINKING OF PRODUCERS WITH MEMBER EXPORTERS

The Chamber has a programme to link producers of agricultural fisheries and many other products especially from the Northern Province with member exporters of the Chamber, to facilitate marketing of their products in International Markets.

SUPPORTS SME'S UNDER THE 'ASPIRING EXPORTERS' PROGRAMME

The Chamber has a special 'ASPIRING Exporters' Programme to support SME's with Export Potential, providing free advisory services and specific assistance for a period of one year, to develop them to be future exporters.

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Sri Lanka's Export Earnings Top USD 1 Billion Mark in August 2023



Sri Lanka's merchandise exports increased by 6.98% to USD 1,091.6 million in August 2023 compared to July 2023, the Export Development Board (EDB) said today (Sept. 26).

Citing the provisional data released by Sri Lanka Customs, the EDB said it is, however, a 10.91 % decrease when compared to the value recorded in August 2022.

The decline in merchandise exports is due to decreased demand for export products, particularly in sectors such as apparel and textiles, rubber and rubber-based products, and coconut and coconut-based products.

The EDB further mentioned that for the period of January to August 2023, overall merchandise exports have decreased by 10.42% to USD 7,983.13 million compared to the corresponding period of 2022.

Meanwhile, out of the top 10 export markets, India, Italy, the UAE and France have shown strong performance during the month of August 2023 and the period of January-August 2023 compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

Exports to the USA, Sri Lanka's single largest export destination, have meanwhile decreased 21.29% to USD 252.13 million in August 2023 compared to August 2022.

Further, exports to the USA decreased by 18.89% to USD 1,872.7 million in the period of January-August 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.

Source