

Tea Market Report: Sale 04 of the 22nd - 23rd January, 2018

Further improved and good demand for the 168,677 packages (10.85m/kgs) available with prices closely following quality and only 8.52% remained unsold.

Best BP1s in the market appreciated by up to USC38 while Brighter varieties were irregular ranging between firm to USC20 dearer to easier by up to USC12 with Medium categories firm to USC13 dearer. Lower Medium types met improved enquiry gaining USC4 - USC30 but poorer sorts lost value. Plain categories were USC8 - USC15 above last prices and Plainest were discounted by up to USC10 with some lines remaining unsold.

The Best PF1s available saw improved interest gaining USC20 with Brighter types irregular varying between USC10 - USC18 dearer to easier by up to USC4 while Medium varieties held firm to USC14 above previous rates. Lower Medium sorts were irregular varying between firm to USC22 dearer to easier by up to USC10 while Plain categories advanced by USC2 - USC16.

Best PDUSTs on offer shed up to USC16 with Brighter descriptions irregular ranging between firm to USC8 dearer to easier by USC16 while Medium varieties gained USC2 - USC6. Lower Medium types saw an irregular interest and ranged between firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC21 while Plain categories met improved competition at firm to USC20 dearer.

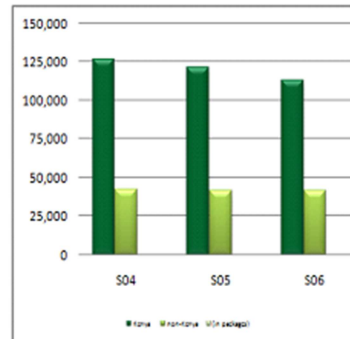
The Best DUST1s in the market were firm to USC10 dearer with Brighter categories ir-

Current and Future Auction Offerings

Country	Sale 04 22 - 23 Jan'18		Sale 04 23 - 24 Jan'17		Sale 05 29 - 30 Jan'18		Sale 06 5 - 6 Feb'18	
	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG
Kenya	112,080	14,440	94,040	11,060	107,974	12,920	100,931	11,680
Uganda	18,080	10,737	12,060	8,419	15,600	10,100	15,120	9,899
Tanzania	3,840	1,400	640	2,020	2,240	2,960	2,080	2,700
Rwanda	5,920	1,140	6,080	1,300	5,880	1,380	6,460	1,140
Burundi	2,640	180	2,320	158	2,680	400	2,840	300
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madagas car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D R Congo	0	0	0	0	340	0	320	80
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	220
Ethiopia	0	220	0	0	60	0	0	0
Reprints	5,840	1,800	11,680	1,398	9,500	1,640	9,660	2,780
Total	140,560	28,117	115,140	22,957	134,774	27,760	127,991	26,019
		168,677		138,097		162,534		154,010

regular varying between USC2 - USC12 dearer to easier by USC8 while Medium descriptions ranged between USC2 - USC12 dearer to easier by a similar margin. Lower Medium sorts were irregular and varied between firm to USC30 dearer to easier by up to USC10. Plain varieties were well competed for at USC4 - USC20 above last levels.

In the Secondary Catalogues BPs were firm while PFs gained. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings were dearer while similar DUSTs advanced further. Other Fannings were steady while similar DUSTs held value. BMFs were readily absorbed.



CTC Quotations and Highest Prices (USC)

	BP1	PF1	PD	D1
Best	310 - 492	348 - 436	348 - 400	352 - 426
Good	300 - 340	338 - 362	348 - 358	350 - 366
Good Medium	300 - 369	320 - 376	345 - 357	334 - 367
Medium	278 - 324	274 - 324	310 - 342	310 - 358
Lower Medium	165 - 276	156 - 290	169 - 306	200 - 312
Plainer	140 - 230	145 - 260	150 - 290	154 - 290

Pakistan Packers were strong and dominant with more and strong support from Egyptian Packers. There were more enquiries from Yemen, other Middle Eastern Countries, Russia, Bazaar and Sudan while UK were more active but selective. Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, other CIS nations and Iran maintained activity. There were reduced enquiries from Somalia at the lower end of the market

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