



THE TEA MAKERS
OF LONDON

Statement of our tea sourcing practices

The Tea Makers of London is a Friend of Ethical Tea Partnership (ETP) – a not-for-profit organisation working with tea companies, development organisations and governments to improve the lives of tea workers, farmers and the environment in which they live and work. We publish this statement to provide an overview of our commitment to responsible tea sourcing practices.

Sourcing - The Tea Makers Way

The Tea Makers of London is a family-owned speciality tea company, who specialises in sourcing single origin teas. Our sourcing strategy is underpinned by our passion for bringing some of the best teas made around the world. This involves building long terms partnerships with producers and tea gardens.

Social justice and environmental sustainability are the two most important considerations in our sourcing practices. Our hands on experience in managing plantations for many years and working with tea-growing communities gives us a great insight into the challenges and how good sourcing practices could positively affect those communities.

We choose our suppliers carefully using out strict criteria where we look into their working practices, particularly their record on workers' rights and working conditions.

We purchase directly from the producers where possible cutting out middle-man and offer a fair price for their products. We also offer our annual purchasing plan and commitment where possible.

We work closely with the producers with a view to establish a long-term partnerships built on transparency and trust.

Certification

As a speciality tea company, we work with small to medium scale plantations. We ensure those plantations are in compliance with accepted social and economic practices. We look for their own certifications and accreditations on those credentials as further validation.

We also work with numerous small-scale independent farmers who work in their family-owned tea gardens.

Sustainable Approach

We are committed to connecting with every producer in our supply chain, as well as to the welfare of all the workers who make the tea, buyers and packers we rely on to bring you our speciality teas. It's also what's pushing us forward in our quest to become an ever more sustainable, carbon-neutral company.



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We review our sourcing strategy regularly in order to and further strengthen our approach and have a long-term ethical and sustainable practices for the benefit of everyone who are part of the supply chain.

Please find out more: <https://www.theteamakers.co.uk/pages/the-tea-makers-way>

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