

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

1. NAME OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Chinese name: 福州茉莉花茶

Transcription in Latin characters: Fuzhou Mo Li Hua Cha

Translation for information purposes: Fuzhou Jasmine Tea

2. CATEGORY OF THE PRODUCT FOR WHICH THE NAME IS PROTECTED

Tea

3. APPLICANT

Horticultural Society in Fuzhou City

4. PROTECTION IN CHINA

Registered as certification mark on January 7th, 2008 (registration number: 4939090).

5. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT

Fuzhou Jasmine Tea is made of Fuzhou jasmine bud and green tea. Leaf shape tightly compact and showy; green color and luster, white hairs throughout; strong, fresh, lovely, pure and long lasting fragrance; mellow and refreshing flavor, apparent sweet aftertaste; infusion color light green or yellow green and bright; infused leaves stout and strong, soft and bright, symmetrical.

The specific characteristics of Fuzhou Jasmine Tea as defined are due to the natural factors in the delimited geographical area.

6. CONCISE DEFINITION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The geographical protection area of the Fuzhou Jasmine Tea includes Changle City, Fuqing City, Minhou County, Lianjiang County, Luoyuan County, Yongtai County, Minqing County, Pingtan County, Cangshan District, Jin'an District, Mawei District, Taijiang District, Gulou District, in the lower course of the Minjiang River, with boundaries of 118°08'–120°31' east longitude, and 25°15'–26°39' north latitude.

7. LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Jasmine is a kind of tropical and subtropical long-day partial light demanding flower, likes sunshine, warm and wet area, hates shady, cold and waterlogging place. It is suitable for the environment with adequate illumination, an average temperature between 20°C to 40°C, soil water content between 60% to 80%. Fuzhou is a warm and humid subtropical monsoon climate. Frost free period is up to 326 days. The climate is mild with annual average temperature between 16 to 20°C. The average temperature for the coldest January is 10.5°C, for the hottest July is 28.6°C. It is full of rains with the average humidity of 77% and annual average rainfall of 1137.5mm. The unique character of Jasmine Tea depends on such above specific environment. For example, during the growing season of jasmine, the 75% to 80% air humidity is good to improving the productivity and quality of flowers. The relative humidity in Fuzhou is about 77%, which is suitable for the growth of jasmine. Jasmine needs to grow at an environment not lower than 3°C in winter. Although jasmine also grows in Jiangsu and Zhejiang, but the winter temperature there is below 3°C, which increases the cost of jasmine flower. For its growth, Fuzhou provides the most suitable environment in light, heat, water and other aspects.

In addition, the best jasmine tea needs the single petal jasmine flower produced in Fuzhou. This flower is pure in aroma, and the produced tea contains an unique ice sugar flavor. Fuzhou Jasmine Tea is made by a special scented process. Scented, also called smoked, is the use of tea to absorb jasmine's aroma, and the combination of tea flavor with flower fragrance. To produce a pure Fuzhou Jasmine Tea, if it is the nine scented tea, it needs 81 processes to smoked the flowers, which creates the fresh, tender character for the fragrance is lasting, the flavor is

delicious and refreshing, the color of maked tea is in shining yellow and green, and the leaves are tender and soft.

8. SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING LABELLING AND USING (IF ANY)

None

9. CONTROL BODY / CONTROL AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE RESPECT OF THE PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Fujian provincial center of tea quality inspection and technology promotion