

SRI LANKA SPICES & ALLIED PRODUCTS



Sri Lanka has been famous for an exquisite range of spices for centuries. These include cinnamon, pepper, cloves, cardamoms, nutmeg, mace and vanilla. Out of exports under other agriculture commodities, 56% comprise of spices and allied products and essential oil sector and 55% of this is cinnamon and related products.





Ceylon Cinnamon

In the Cinnamomum family, the highest grade cinnamon comes from Ceylon Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum Zeylanicum*), a plant indigenous to Sri Lanka. Cinnamon grown and produced in Sri Lanka has acquired long standing reputation in the international market due to its unique, quality, colour, flavour and aroma. The name Ceylon Cinnamon derived from the country's former name and is an established geographical indication for Cinnamon.

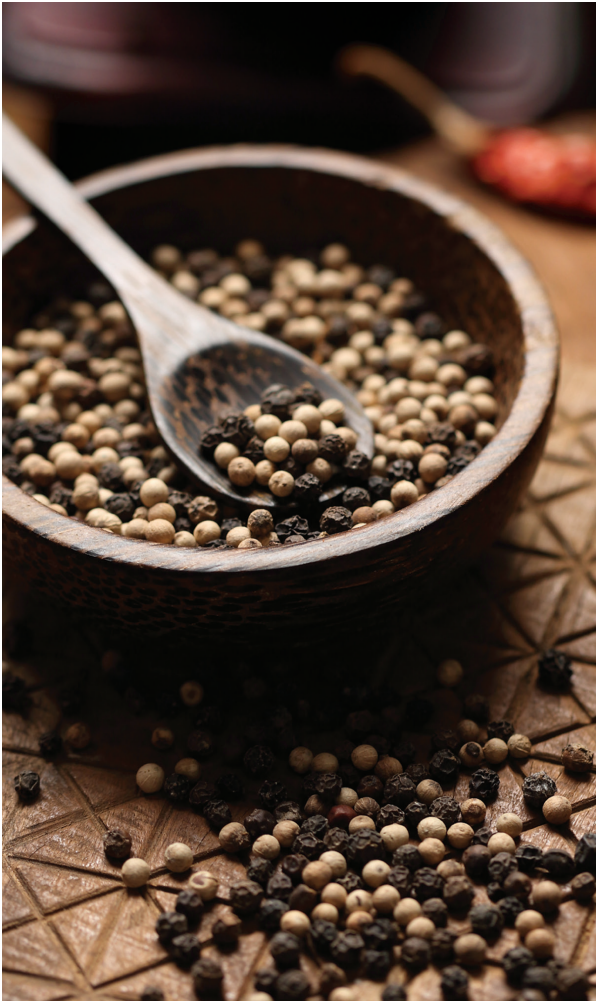
Sri Lanka is the world's largest producer and exporter of cinnamon. The country produces almost 90% of Cinnamon produced to the world-market. Cinnamon is the most important and valuable spice produced in Sri Lanka.



At present Cinnamon is widely used as a food ingredient as well as in pharmaceutical preparations and in the cosmetics industry worldwide. High in antioxidants, it is considered a product which is good for overall health. Volatile oil of Cinnamon is widely used in perfumes, cosmetics and scented exotic gifts.

Cinnamon originated in Sri Lanka has all the positive characteristics of a brand. The Sri Lanka Export Development Board (SLEDB) has established 'Pure Ceylon Cinnamon' as a global brand in the international market.





PEPPER

Pepper is known as the 'King of Spice' and botanically known as *Piper Nigrum*. Pepper is traded worldwide and is normally consumed as a spice. Sri Lankan Pepper has a higher piperine content, which gives it a superior quality and pungency. Pepper is offered in different grades for grinding and extraction of essential oils and oleoresins. In Sri Lanka, pepper is grown in the wet and intermediate zones, mostly as a mixed crop. Sri Lanka produces only 2% of the world's demand for the Pepper.



CLOVES

Clove is the dried unopened flower bud of the evergreen tree, *Eugenia Caryphyllata* Thumb. The odour, flavour and oil contents are the important qualities of cloves. Sri Lankan clove is found to be richer in oil than those from other growing countries.



CARDAMOM

Cardamom is the dried fruit of Herbacious Perennial *Elettaria Cardamomum*. It is popularly known as 'Queen of Spice'. Cardamom lands are generally termed as spice forests. Cardamom exports from Sri Lanka constitute light green varieties.





NUTMEG & MACE

Nutmeg and mace are two distinctly separate spices, derived from the same plant. Nutmeg Oil and Nutmeg & Mace Ground are exported to main destination such as India, UAE, Pakistan and Singapore.



VANILLA

The Vanilla plant is a tender, fleshy vine, belonging to the Orchidaceae family. Vanilla fragrance is important as a source of natural vanilla. It is used as a flavour ingredient in the confectionary industry and also in perfume and pharmaceutical industries.



SRI LANKA EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Sri Lanka Export Development Board is Sri Lanka's apex organisation for the promotion and development of exports. It was established in 1979 under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act No. 40. EDB is the executive arm of the Export Development Council of Ministers, headed by H.E. the President of Sri Lanka, which is the policy-making body of the EDB.

What We Do

We assist in negotiating business with Sri Lanka, either as an importer or an investor in export production.

Functions of the EDB encompass a range of activities such as promoting exports, organising buyer-seller meets, and exhibitions, providing essential information to both local and foreign entrepreneurs and assisting in the formulation and maintenance of quality standards wherever applicable.

The EDB is manned by a team of professionals, knowledgeable in their own specialized areas, who maintain close personal links with the respective sectors and hence highly competent in providing you helpful advice.

The EDB has on its Board of Management, representatives of both state and private sector organisations involved in export activities. Dedicated to the task of promoting more exports and better exports for the benefit of exporters and importers alike, the full range of its services are provided free of charge.

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