

CERAMIC GLASS AND PORCELAIN FROM SRI LANKA



With the country's rich artistic and cultural heritage, The Sri Lankan Ceramic Industry dates back to the pre - Christian era. The distinctive designs and exquisite elegance of the ceramic products manufactured by the Sri Lankan Ceramic Industry today vividly illustrate the influence of this rich heritage. The Island is endowed with raw materials used in the ceramic industry such as kaolin, ball clay, feldspar, silica quartz and dolomite. The excellent quality and purity of these materials which is available in abundance contribute to the high standards of the products.



Ceramic industry in Sri Lanka consists of the following sub sectors:

Porcelain Tableware

Ornamental ware & Utility Ware

Tiles including Wall Tiles & Floor Tiles

Sanitary ware & Bath ware

Earthenware & Stoneware Products

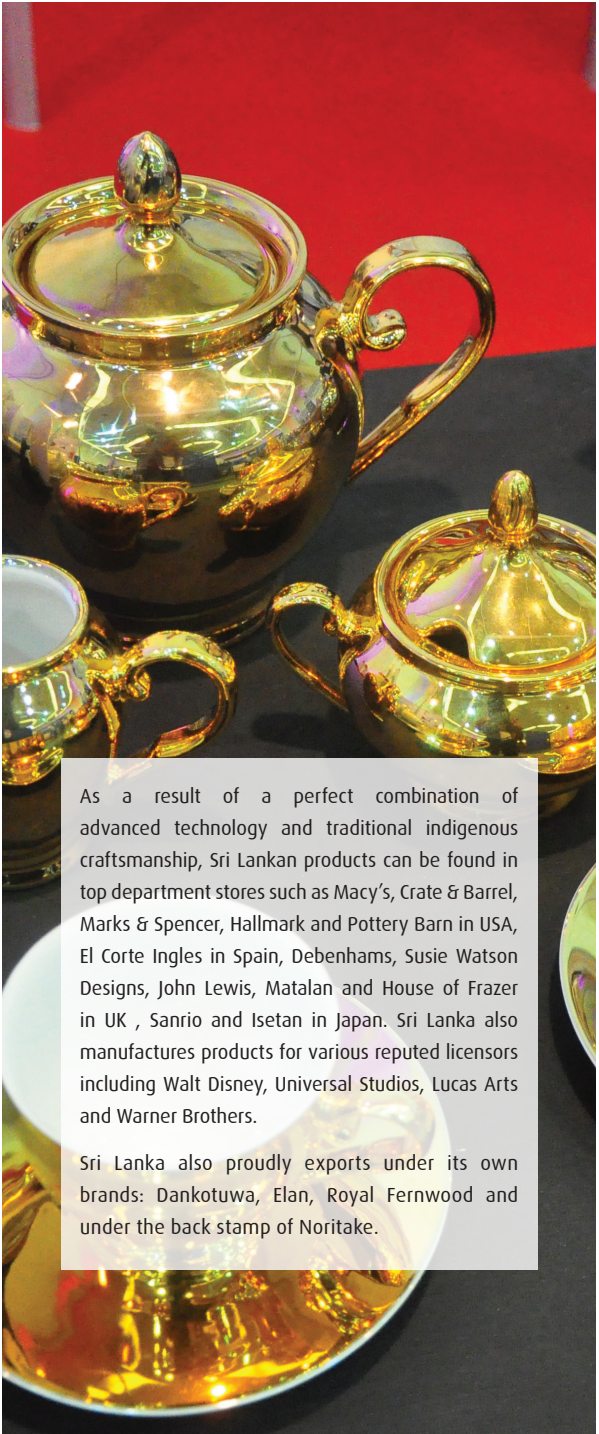
Cements, Glass & Refractory

Red Brick, Roofing Tiles and Terra Cotta Product



Significant operational strength of the industry includes highly skilled workforce, competitive labour costs, and excellent management at factory levels, state-of-the-art technology, research and development facilities, high ethical standards and confidentiality of design integrity, in contrast to Asian competitors. Availability of gifted designers, chemists, technologists and engineers contribute to the high standards and internationally recognised products.





As a result of a perfect combination of advanced technology and traditional indigenous craftsmanship, Sri Lankan products can be found in top department stores such as Macy's, Crate & Barrel, Marks & Spencer, Hallmark and Pottery Barn in USA, El Corte Ingles in Spain, Debenhams, Susie Watson Designs, John Lewis, Matalan and House of Frazer in UK , Sanrio and Isetan in Japan. Sri Lanka also manufactures products for various reputed licensors including Walt Disney, Universal Studios, Lucas Arts and Warner Brothers.


Sri Lanka also proudly exports under its own brands: Dankotuwa, Elan, Royal Fernwood and under the back stamp of Noritake.

Porcelain Tableware

A range of body shapes and decoration techniques in tableware gives Sri Lanka a great versatility as a country which can deliver high quality elegant contemporary and traditional designs to the world.

The country's exquisite porcelain products are much sought after because of the in-glaze, on-glaze and under-glaze decorations, heavy metal free decorations, ornate and difficult gold decorations, microwave-safe designs in gold or platinum, dish washer safe construct and also our ability to supply high quality Ivory Porcelain (new bone china) and artistic porcelain dinnerware.





Sri Lankan porcelain is with superior characteristics including a high level of whiteness, high translucency, high scratch resistance and high thermal shock.

All Sri Lankan products conform to Food and drug Administration (FDA) norms and ASTM Standards.

The tableware & Kitchenware exports amount to around 68% of the country's total ceramic exports.

Main Export Markets:

USA, Japan, UAE, Italy and India



Tiles

Floor Tiles are available in a wide range of shades, designs, and finishes-rough or smooth surfaces-and sizes to suit any floor area in residential and commercial buildings. These include floor tiles especially suited for verandahs, sitting rooms, dining rooms, bed rooms, pantry, as well as flooring outdoor spaces such as terraces, path-ways and ponds. They range from simple glazed tiles to multiple prints and manual hand painted to machine embroidered types. A variety of different textures to suit customer preferences : matt, rough, gloss, stone, marble, and terra-cotta finishes in a range of self-colours or shades are available.

Wall Tiles are offered in a variety of colours, textures , and in different sizes including special trim tiles, decorated tiles, handmade and hand painted tiles conforming to British, European, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japanese Standards.

Main Export Markets:

Australia, U.S.A., Canada, Netherlands and Maldives



Ornamental / Utility Ware

The range of products include figurines, household decorations, music boxes, chandelier ceramic accessories, kitchen accessories, bathroom accessories, garden articles and studio pottery.

Main Export Markets:

UK, USA, Netherlands, Canada and Malaysia



Bath Ware / Sanitary Ware

Sri Lanka manufactures Bath Ware & Sanitary Ware for both domestic and international markets.

The use of imported clays and glaze raw materials with advanced production techniques enhances the product quality conforming to British standard specification BS EN 3402-1962, thereby ensuring that the products will be on par with that of any leading European manufacturer in terms of both design and quality. All the moulds are made from epoxy resin case moulds, which will ensure superior surface qualities and dimensional stability.

Main Export Markets:

Maldives and New Zealand



Glass Products

The country offers the entire moulded range of glass bottles for the food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and perfume 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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