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<b>BLACK TEA WITH PESTICIDE RESIDUE</b>			
<b>BILLY TEA</b> 100 Tea Bags	Mainly Indonesia and PNG	Tetley	Fenvalerate 0.03; bifenthrin 0.01
<b>BLACK &amp; GOLD</b> Tea Pot Bags	Australia, other countries	AAPW	Permethrin 0.06
<b>BUSHHELLS</b> Blue Label Tagged Tea Bags	Various countries, mainly Indonesia <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Fenvalerate 0.01; dicofol 0.03
<b>FARMLAND</b> Cup or Pot	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Coles Myer	Bifenthrin 0.01
<b>FORMOSAN</b> Natural Formosan Tea	Taiwan	Formosan Tea Australia	Cypermethrin 0.22; fenvalerate 0.07; dicofol 0.01; endosulfan sulphate 0.01; phosalone 0.02
<b>IGA</b> Tea Bags	Imported <b>(B)</b>	AAPW	Bifenthrin 0.01
<b>LAN CHOO</b> Choice Small Leaf 100 Tagged Tea Bags	Various countries, mainly Indonesia <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Fenvalerate 0.05
<b>SAVINGS</b> 100 Tea Cup Bags	Sri Lanka	Coles Myer	Ethion 0.008
<b>BLACK TEA – ALL CLEAR</b>			
<b>DAINTREE</b> Tea	Australia	Daintree Tea Co	Nothing detected
<b>DILMAH</b> Tea Cup Bags	Sri Lanka	Dilmah	Nothing detected
<b>HARRIS</b> Gold	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Douwe Egberts	Nothing detected
<b>HOME BRAND</b> 200 Tea Cup Bags	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Woolworths	Nothing detected
<b>LIPTON</b> Quality Number 1 Tea	Various countries, mainly India <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Nothing detected
<b>MADURA TEA</b> Premium Blend	Sri Lanka, Australia	Madura Tea Estate	Nothing detected
<b>NATURE'S CUPPA</b> Organic Pure Ceylon Tea	Sri Lanka	Eat Rite	Nothing detected
<b>NERADA</b> 50 Tea Cup Bags	Australia	Nerada Tea	Nothing detected
<b>NO FRILLS</b> 100 Tea Cup Bags	Australia, other countries	Franklins	Nothing detected
<b>TETLEY</b> Tea Cup Bags	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Tetley	Nothing detected
<b>TWININGS</b> English Breakfast	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Manassen Foods	Nothing detected
<b>TWININGS</b> Lapsang Souchong Tea	China	Manassen Foods	Nothing detected
<b>GREEN TEA WITH PESTICIDE RESIDUE</b>			
<b>BUTTERFLY</b> China Green Tea	China	Fujian Holdings	Cypermethrin 0.07; fenvalerate 0.14; dicofol 0.04; bifenthrin 0.02
<b>DILMAH</b> Jasmine Pure Green Tea	China <b>(C)</b>	Dilmah	Cypermethrin 0.06; fenvalerate 0.14; dicofol 0.06; op-DDT 0.01; endosulfan sulphate 0.01
<b>FORMOSAN</b> Natural Chinese Green Formosan Tea	Taiwan	Formosan Tea Australia	Ethion 0.1; cypermethrin 0.24; fenvalerate 0.29; dicofol 0.08; bifenthrin 0.06; permethrin 0.76
<b>NAKED FOODS</b> Green Tea Lemon Grass & Rosehip	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Naked Foods	Chlorpyrifos 0.01; chlorpyrifos methyl 0.03; profenophos 0.15
<b>NUTRILEAF NUTRI HEALTH FOODS</b> Japanese Style Green Tea Sen-Cha	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Nutri Health Food Centre	Chlorfenvinphos 0.03; cypermethrin 0.03; fenvalerate 0.18; dicofol 0.02; bifenthrin 0.01
<b>RED SEAL</b> Green Tea	China, Japan	Ancient Distributors	Cypermethrin 0.25; fenvalerate 0.06; dicofol 0.02; endosulfan sulphate 0.01
<b>SEN-CHA</b> Green Tea	Japan	Jun Pacific Corporation	Isoxathion 0.01; chlorpyrifos 0.03; fenitrothion 0.01; fenvalerate 0.12; bifenthrin 0.04; prothiophos 0.13
<b>GREEN TEA – ALL CLEAR</b>			
<b>HEALTHERIES</b> Green Chai Tea	Germany	Healtheries	Nothing detected
<b>LIPTON</b> Organic Green Tea	India (organic estate) <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Nothing detected
<b>MADURA TEA</b> Green Tea	Asia, Australia	Madura Tea Estate	Nothing detected
<b>NATURE'S CUPPA</b> Organic Green Tea	Sri Lanka	Eat Rite	Nothing detected
<b>NERADA</b> Organic Green Tea	Indonesia <b>(A)</b>	Nerada Tea	Nothing detected
<b>PLANET ORGANIC</b> Green Tea	Sri Lanka <b>(A)</b>	Planet Tea	Nothing detected
<b>TEAS OF CEYLON</b> The Australian Tea Company Green Tea	Sri Lanka	Oppidan	Nothing detected
<b>TETLEY</b> Emperor's Garden Wisp Of Jasmine Green Tea	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Tetley	Nothing detected
<b>TOYONO</b> Japanese Style Green Tea	China	Oriental Merchant	Nothing detected
<b>TWININGS</b> Java Green Tea	Indonesia (Java)	Manassen Foods	Nothing detected

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<b>HERBAL INFUSION WITH PESTICIDE RESIDUE</b>			
<b>HEALTHERIES</b> Echinacea Tea	Germany	Healtheries	Ethion 0.007
<b>LIPTON</b> Herbal Infusions Ginseng & Lime <b>(D)</b>	Various countries <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Chlorpyrifos 0.02; cypermethrin 0.06; fenvalerate 0.02; prothiophos 0.01; phosalone 0.23
<b>LIPTON</b> Herbal Infusions Lemon Soother	Various countries <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Ethion 0.005; chlorpyrifos 0.01; dicofol 0.04; prothiophos 0.005
<b>LIPTON</b> Herbal Infusions Orange Refresher	Various countries <b>(A)</b>	Unilever	Ethion 0.01; chlorpyrifos 0.03; methidathion 0.03; malathion 0.006; dicofol 0.02;
<b>RED SEAL</b> Lemon & Ginger Sensation <b>(E)</b>	New Zealand	Ancient Distributors	Chlorpyrifos 0.01
<b>TWININGS</b> Cranberry, Raspberry & Elderflower Herbal Infusions	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Manassen Foods	Triazophos 0.01; pentachlorophenol 0.02
<b>HERBAL INFUSIONS – ALL CLEAR</b>			
<b>CELESTIAL SEASONINGS</b> Lemon Zinger	USA	Stuart Alexander & Co	Nothing detected
<b>HEALTHERIES</b> St John's Wort Tea with Blended Berries	Germany	Healtheries	Nothing detected
<b>KIN KIN TEA</b> Lemon Grass Herbal Tea	Australia <b>(F)</b>	Moran Group Herbs	Nothing detected
<b>NATURELAND</b> Night Cup Herb Tea Bags	Various countries <b>(B)</b>	Cantarella Bros	Nothing detected
<b>NATURELAND</b> Rosehip Herb Tea Bags	Various countries <b>(B)</b>	Cantarella Bros	Nothing detected
<b>NERADA</b> Echinacea Herbal Infusion	Egypt <b>(A)</b>	Nerada Tea	Nothing detected
<b>NUMULGI</b> Lemongrass Tea	Australia <b>(F)</b>	Moran Group Herbs	Nothing detected
<b>ONNO BEHREND'S TEE</b> Rosehip Tea	Germany	Abel Lemon Dist.	Nothing detected
<b>SUPERB</b> Rosehip Herbal Tea	Macedonia	Spiroski Food Imports	Nothing detected
<b>TASTY</b> Rosehip and Hibiscus Tea	Germany	Menora Foods	Nothing detected
<b>TWININGS</b> Lemon & Ginger Herbal Infusions	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Manassen Foods	Nothing detected
<b>TWININGS</b> Raspberry & Peach Fruit Infusions	Imported <b>(B)</b>	Manassen Foods	Nothing detected

ppm Parts per million (mg/kg).

AAPW Australian Asia Pacific Wholesalers.

- (A) Label only says 'imported'; this is what the companies told us.
- (B) No further country of origin information was given to us.
- (C) The label says only 'packed in Sri Lanka'; the company told us the tea is from China.
- (D) This product has been reformulated since our test and the apple ingredient removed.
- (E) This product has been discontinued since our test but you might still find old stock on shelves.
- (F) The lemongrass comes from two certified organic farms in Queensland.

### 1 Origin

A number of the products didn't specify where the tea or herbal infusion ingredients came from. This is legal because of weak country of origin labelling regulations that only require the label to say the product is made from 'imported ingredients'. CHOICE is pushing for much stronger laws, where manufacturers will have to disclose the country/countries the ingredients come from.

### GO ORGANIC?

While not an absolute guarantee, eating certified organic foods (including tea) should greatly reduce how much pesticide you eat and drink. For more on organic food as well as what 'certified organic' means, see CHOICE, September 2000, or go to [www.choice.com.au](http://www.choice.com.au) and type 'organic food' in the search box (access to this article is free).



The label proudly claims the tea is "grown without residual pesticides". Setting aside the nonsensical English (you don't grow tea with 'residual pesticides', you get the residues afterwards), this seems pretty ironic in view of our findings. This tea contained a cocktail of pesticides.