

## Tea Tree Oil (Pure & Natural)

Dear Indian Representative.

We are one of importer of Pure Australian Tea Tree Oil in to India from Australia.

Tea Tree Oil is distilled from the *Melaleuca alternifolia* plant. Australia is the only place in the World where *Melaleuca alternifolia* tea trees grow naturally.

as the proven effectiveness of *pure Australian Tea Tree Oil* has become more widely recognized and used, a market has developed for either adulterated oil consisting of tea tree oil cut with synthetic components (*usually created from other plant based compounds such as sabinene from pine oil*) or by creating what is described as “*Nature Identical tea tree oil*”. “Nature Identical” oil is created synthetically from only 15 of the 113+ components of tea tree oil as listed in the Australian<sup>15</sup> and International<sup>16</sup> Standards for tea tree oil.

These adulterated or synthetic products masquerading as *Melaleuca alternifolia* tea tree oil have no scientific evidence to support their safety and effectiveness. Furthermore, they are not supported by the centuries of years of use by an Indigenous population. Synthetic and adulterated oils possibly place consumers at risk as well as the reputation and good will of Farmers and the supply chain of *pure Australian tea tree oil*.

As import duty on any Essential Oils has been considered as 30% & they are widely used for Spa & other kind of cosmetic usage. However Pure Australian Tea Tree Oil may be part of Essential oil but it has many Proven benefits on Topical formulations including Acne, Dandruff etc... Pure Australian Tea Tree Oil is not being produce in India at all but India Customs do not distinguish Pure Australian TTO from other essential oils that attract a very high duty of 30%. General import duty is 7.5% in india.

There for Australia’s natural occurring TT Industry is unfairly disadvantaged & our indian real need consumers are unable to availa such marvelous Natural Pure Tea Tree Oil Since Adelatrade & Synthetic Tea Tree Oil is being imported from some other countries at Lower Import duty and We are unable to compete in India and the Indian consumer are denied the real benefits of pure Australian Tea Tree Oil on account of high cost.

This is in our view is an anomaly that the Indian Government should address if not deliberately wishing to exclude Australian products from Indian consumers in favour of the products of other Nations.

We submit that representation be made to the Indian Government that it considers and adopt the Australian Custom code 33012960 for identifying the importation of Pure Australian Tea Tree Oil and that such be classified as a DUTY FREE or max 7.5% current duty on importation in to India.

With Regards

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