SUPPLY CHAIN

UKTEA & INFUSIONS ASSOCIATION

Tea (Camellia sinensis) Black & Green

Source of Product	• Tea garden - leaves plucked prodominetely by hand • Leaves sent to factory
Product sent to Factory	• Leaves withered and broken or chopped • Leaves oxidised, dried and sorted • Green tea only - leaves steamed
Purchase	• Sorted product goes to auction • Sold by private treaty to traders or packers
Shipping	Tea is shipped to consuming country
Blending	Tea is blended by the packers to create consistent blends
Packing	Tea is packed
Retail	Tea goes to retail
Consumer Purchase	Consumers purchase tea

Herbal Infusions

Source of Product	• Herb cultivation and collection - some primary processing • Herbs sent to factory
Product sent to Factory	Secondary processing of herbs - cutting, drying, sorting
Export	Export of herbs to purchase country
Shipping	Herbs shipped to blending partner
Blender processing	• Herbs are processed at blending partners - cutting, sterilisation • Herbs are then blended to create unique blends
Packing	Herbal infusions are packed
Retail	Herbal Infusions go to retail
Consumer Purchase	Consumers purchase herbal infusions

NB. Generic Flow Chart