

## MIRA INFORM REPORT

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<b>Report Date :</b>	01.11.2018

### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

<b>Name :</b>	UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA) TRADING, INC.
<b>Registered Office :</b>	2 Broadway 29th Fl New York, NY 10004
<b>Country :</b>	United States
<b>Financials (as on) :</b>	2017 [Summarized]
<b>Date of Incorporation :</b>	10.12.1990
<b>Legal Form :</b>	Corporation
<b>Line of Business :</b>	Wholesale of tea.
<b>No. of Employees :</b>	9

### RATING & COMMENTS

(Mira Inform has adopted New Rating mechanism w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017)

<b>MIRA's Rating :</b>	B
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis

<b>Status :</b>	Moderate
<b>Payment Behaviour :</b>	Slow
<b>Litigation :</b>	Clear

#### NOTES :

Any query related to this report can be made on e-mail : [infodept@mirainform.com](mailto:infodept@mirainform.com) while quoting report number, name and date.

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**ECGC Country Risk Classification List**

Country Name	Previous Rating (30.06.2018)	Current Rating (30.09.2018)
United States	A1	A1

Risk Category	ECGC Classification
Insignificant	A1
Low Risk	A2
Moderately Low Risk	B1
Moderate Risk	B2
Moderately High Risk	C1
High Risk	C2
Very High Risk	D

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**UNITED STATES - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

The US has the most technologically powerful economy in the world, with a per capita GDP of \$59,500. US firms are at or near the forefront in technological advances, especially in computers, pharmaceuticals, and medical, aerospace, and military equipment; however, their advantage has narrowed since the end of World War II. Based on a comparison of GDP measured at purchasing power parity conversion rates, the US economy in 2014, having stood as the largest in the world for more than a century, slipped into second place behind China, which has more than tripled the US growth rate for each year of the past four decades.

In the US, private individuals and business firms make most of the decisions, and the federal and state governments buy needed goods and services predominantly in the private marketplace. US business firms enjoy greater flexibility than their counterparts in Western Europe and Japan in decisions to expand capital plant, to lay off surplus workers, and to develop new products. At the same time, businesses face higher barriers to enter their rivals' home markets than foreign firms face entering US markets.

Long-term problems for the US include stagnation of wages for lower-income families, inadequate investment in deteriorating infrastructure, rapidly rising medical and pension costs of an aging population, energy shortages, and sizable current account and budget deficits.

The onrush of technology has been a driving factor in the gradual development of a "two-tier" labor market in which those at the bottom lack the education and the professional/technical skills of those at the top and, more and more, fail to get comparable pay raises, health insurance coverage, and other benefits. But the globalization of trade, and especially the rise of low-wage producers such as China, has put additional downward pressure on wages and upward pressure on the return to capital. Since 1975, practically all the gains in household income have gone to the top 20% of households. Since 1996, dividends and capital gains have grown faster than wages or any other category of after-tax income.

Imported oil accounts for more than 50% of US consumption and oil has a major impact on the overall health of the economy. Crude oil prices doubled between 2001 and 2006, the year home prices peaked; higher gasoline prices ate into consumers' budgets and many individuals fell behind in their mortgage payments. Oil prices climbed another 50% between 2006 and 2008, and bank foreclosures more than doubled in the same period. Besides dampening the housing market, soaring oil prices caused a drop in the value of the dollar and a deterioration in the US merchandise trade deficit, which peaked at \$840 billion in 2008. Because the US economy is energy-intensive, falling oil prices since 2013 have alleviated many of the problems the earlier increases had created.

The sub-prime mortgage crisis, falling home prices, investment bank failures, tight credit, and the global economic downturn pushed the US into a recession by mid-2008. GDP contracted until the third quarter of 2009, the deepest and longest downturn since the Great Depression. To help stabilize financial markets, the US Congress established a \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program in October 2008. The government used some of these funds to purchase equity in US banks and industrial corporations, much of which had been returned to the government by early 2011. In January 2009, Congress passed and former President Barack OBAMA signed a bill providing an additional \$787 billion fiscal stimulus to be used over 10 years - two-thirds on additional spending and one-third on tax cuts - to create jobs and to help the economy recover. In 2010 and 2011, the federal budget deficit reached nearly 9% of GDP. In 2012, the Federal Government reduced the growth of spending and the deficit shrank to 7.6% of GDP. US revenues from taxes and other sources are lower, as a percentage of GDP, than those of most other countries.

Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan required major shifts in national resources from civilian to military purposes and contributed to the growth of the budget deficit and public debt. Through FY 2018, the direct costs of the wars will have totaled more than \$1.9 trillion, according to US Government figures.

In March 2010, former President OBAMA signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), a health insurance reform that was designed to extend coverage to an additional 32 million Americans by 2016,

through private health insurance for the general population and Medicaid for the impoverished. Total spending on healthcare - public plus private - rose from 9.0% of GDP in 1980 to 17.9% in 2010.

In July 2010, the former president signed the DODD-FRANK Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, a law designed to promote financial stability by protecting consumers from financial abuses, ending taxpayer bailouts of financial firms, dealing with troubled banks that are "too big to fail," and improving accountability and transparency in the financial system - in particular, by requiring certain financial derivatives to be traded in markets that are subject to government regulation and oversight.

The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) announced plans in December 2012 to purchase \$85 billion per month of mortgage-backed and Treasury securities in an effort to hold down long-term interest rates, and to keep short-term rates near zero until unemployment dropped below 6.5% or inflation rose above 2.5%. The Fed ended its purchases during the summer of 2014, after the unemployment rate dropped to 6.2%, inflation stood at 1.7%, and public debt fell below 74% of GDP. In December 2015, the Fed raised its target for the benchmark federal funds rate by 0.25%, the first increase since the recession began. With continued low growth, the Fed opted to raise rates several times since then, and in December 2017, the target rate stood at 1.5%.

In December 2017, Congress passed and President Donald TRUMP signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which, among its various provisions, reduces the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%; lowers the individual tax rate for those with the highest incomes from 39.6% to 37%, and by lesser percentages for those at lower income levels; changes many deductions and credits used to calculate taxable income; and eliminates in 2019 the penalty imposed on taxpayers who do not obtain the minimum amount of health insurance required under the ACA. The new taxes took effect on 1 January 2018; the tax cut for corporations are permanent, but those for individuals are scheduled to expire after 2025. The Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) under the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the new law will reduce tax revenues and increase the federal deficit by about \$1.45 trillion over the 2018-2027 period. This amount would decline if economic growth were to exceed the JCT's estimate.

Source : CIA

## **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

<b>Legal Name</b>	UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA) TRADING, INC.
<b>Trade Name</b>	UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA) TRADING
<b>ID</b>	ID
<b>ID Details</b>	1494349
<b>Creation Date</b>	1990
<b>Incorporation Date</b>	December 10, 1990
<b>Legal Address</b>	2 Broadway 29th Fl New York, NY 10004, USA
<b>Operative Address</b>	141 Parkway Road, Suite 20 Bronxville, New York 10708, USA
<b>Telephone</b>	914 779 5700
<b>Fax</b>	914 779 5742
<b>Legal Form</b>	CORPORATION
<b>E-Mail</b>	universaltea@uctt.com
<b>Registered In</b>	NEW YORK
<b>Website</b>	www.uctt.com/
<b>Contact</b>	Domenick Ciaccia - President
<b>Staff</b>	9
<b>Activity</b>	SIC Code: 5149, Groceries and Related Products, NEC NAICS Code: 424490, Other Grocery and Related Products Merchant Wholesalers

## **BANKS**

<b>Name of Bank</b>	<b>Reported Amount</b>
BANK OF AMERICA, NA	
BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO.	
<b>Description</b>	-

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## **HISTORY**

<b>History</b>	Universal Commodities (Tea) Trading Inc was founded in 1990.
<b>Key Developments</b>	NA
<b>Parent Company</b>	NA

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

<b>General Description</b>	Universal Commodities (Tea) Trading Inc is dedicated to the wholesale of tea.
<b>Service/Product Description</b>	The company offers teas.
<b>Sales</b>	Wholesale
<b>Operations Area</b>	National
<b>Imports From</b>	Indonesia, India, Ecuador
<b>Employees</b>	9 employees
<b>Payments With Suppliers</b>	Slow

### BRANDS

#### **Brand**

There are not informed brands

#### **Comments**

### CLIENTS

#### **Name of Client**

#### **Country**

#### **Comments**

There are not informed clients

#### **Comments**

The company offers its products to private companies.

### SUPPLIERS

#### **Supplier Name**

#### **Country**

#### **Comments**

Compania Ecuatoriana Del Te Ca Cetca	Ecuador	-
PT. SARIWANGI A. E. A	Indonesia	-
GOODRICKEGROUP LTD	India	-
<b>Comments</b>		-

## **LOCATION**

<b>Headquarters</b>	141 Parkway Road, Suite 20 Bronxville, New York 10708, USA
<b>Branches</b>	No branches were found.

## **GROUP STRUCTURE AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**

<b>Listed at the stock exchange</b>	NO
<b>Capital</b>	NA
<b>Shareholders (%)</b>	The company does not disclose information on shareholders. We were not able to confirm major holders for this company.
<b>Management</b>	Domenick Ciaccia - President
<b>Subsidiary Companies</b>	No subsidiary companies were found.
<b>Related Companies</b>	No related companies were found.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

<b>General Description</b>	The company does not make its financial statements public. The following information has been provided by private sources:
<b>Year/Currency</b>	2017 USD
<b>Sales</b>	2.200.000

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Money Flow Normal

## **LEGAL FILINGS**

Lawsuits No found.

Trademarks No records found.

Patents Registered No records found.

Renewals Name History

Filing Date: JUN 05, 1991

Name Type: Actual

Entity Name: UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA)  
TRADING, INC.

Filing Date: DEC 10, 1990

Name Type: Actual

Entity Name: UNIVERSAL TEA TRADING, INC.  
Debtor Names: UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA)  
TRADING, INC. 141 PARKWAY ROAD, SUITE 20,  
BRONXVILLE, NY 10708-0000, USA  
UNIVERSAL COMMODITIES (TEA) TRADING, INC.

141 PARKWAY ROAD, SUITE 20,

BRONXVILLE, NY 10708-0000, USA

Secured Party Names: BROWN BROTHERS

HARRIMAN & CO Not Available

BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO. 140

BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10005, USA

File no.: 178991

File Date: 08/31/1994

Lapse Date: 08/31/1999

Filing Type: Financing Statement

File no.: 095497

File Date: 05/13/1999

Lapse Date: 08/31/2004

Filing Type: Continuation

File no.: 170602

File Date: 09/07/2001

Lapse Date: 08/31/2004

Filing Type: Financing Statement Amendment



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File no.: 200302120323506  
File Date: 02/12/2003  
Lapse Date: 08/31/2004  
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File no.: 200302120323570  
File Date: 02/12/2003  
Lapse Date: 08/31/2004  
Filing Type: Financing Statement Amendment

File no.: 200403190282998  
File Date: 03/19/2004  
Lapse Date: 08/31/2009  
Filing Type: Continuation

File no.: 200908175746551  
File Date: 08/17/2009  
Lapse Date: 08/31/2014  
Filing Type: Continuation

File no.: 201408205889676  
File Date: 08/20/2014  
Lapse Date: 08/31/2019  
Filing Type: Continuation

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YORK, NY 10005-0000, USA  
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BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10005, USA

File no.: 172129  
File Date: 09/10/2001  
Lapse Date: 09/10/2006  
Filing Type: Financing Statement

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File Date: 02/12/2003  
Lapse Date: 09/10/2006  
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File Date: 09/08/2011  
Lapse Date: 09/10/2016  
Filing Type: Continuation

File no.: 201604185449334  
File Date: 04/18/2016  
Lapse Date: 09/10/2021  
Filing Type: Continuation

OFAC Sanctions List Search

The company is not listed in the OFAC list.

## **SUMMARY**

### Summary

Founded in 1990, Universal Commodities (Tea) Trading Inc is an organization in the Groceries Industry headquartered in Bronxville, NY. The company has 9 regular employees and generates an estimated \$2.2 million USD in annual revenue. It operates nationally, mainly importing from India, Indonesia and Ecuador. It is ACTIVE in business with high credit risk.

## **RISK INFORMATION**

Debts	Medium
Payments	Slow
Cash Flow	Medium
State	Active

## **INTERVIEW**

First Name NA



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**Position**

Receptionist

**Comments**

She confirmed the name of the company, the address of the headquarters and location and the name of the President. However, she was reluctant to provide any further information.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES**

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 73.99
UK Pound	1	INR 94.10
Euro	1	INR 83.93
USD	1	INR 73.56

**Note :** Above are approximate rates obtained from sources believed to be correct

**INFORMATION DETAILS**

<b>Analysis Done by :</b>	VIVR
<b>Report Prepared by :</b>	SYL

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**RATING EXPLANATIONS**

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A++	Minimum Risk	Business dealings permissible with minimum risk of default
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis
C	Medium High Risk	Business dealings permissible preferably on secured basis
D	High Risk	Business dealing not recommended or on secured terms only
NB	New Business	No recommendation can be done due to business in infancy stage
NT	No Trace	No recommendation can be done as the business is not traceable

NB is stated where there is insufficient information to facilitate rating. However, it is not to be considered as unfavourable.

This score serves as a reference to assess SC's credit risk and to set the amount of credit to be extended. It is calculated from a composite of weighted scores obtained from each of the major sections of this report. The assessed factors are as follows:

- Financial condition covering various ratios
- Company background and operations size
- Promoters / Management background
- Payment record
- Litigation against the subject
- Industry scenario / competitor analysis
- Supplier / Customer / Banker review (wherever available)

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