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CIR CULAR

Sub: Mandatory requirement of FSSAI Licence for Cardamom E-Auctioneers – reg.

It is hereby informed that all Cardamom Auctioneers (Manual/E-auctioneers) are classified as Food Business Operators (FBOs) under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations. This classification applies as auctioneers engage in activities such as the storage of cardamom, bringing cardamom to the auction hall, and undertaking handling, sampling, and grading of the produce, in addition to deploying staff for conducting auction operations.

Accordingly, all legal obligations relating to the hygiene and cleanliness of auction premises, sampling procedures, food safety compliance, health certification of staff, and safe handling of cardamom shall rest entirely with the Auctioneer.

In light of the above it is instructed that all Cardamom auctioneers shall comply with the following:

- Mandatory FSSAI Licence :** Each auctioneer shall obtain an FSSAI licence under the appropriate category and ensure its validity at all times for conducting any e-auction activity.
- Submission of Licence Copy:** A self-attested copy of the FSSAI licence shall be submitted to Spices Board within **60 days** from the date of issue of this circular.
- Annual Renewal Submission:** Auctioneers shall submit a copy of the renewed FSSAI licence every year to Spices Board for record purposes.

It is further informed that the role of the Spices Board is limited to administrative and supervisory functions and does not extend to any operational responsibilities under food safety regulations.

All auctioneers are directed to ensure strict compliance.

Director (MKTG)

To,

All Cardamom Auctioneers (Manual/E-auctioneer)

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