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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Conduct of Unlicensed Auctions of Cardamom – Violation of CLM Rules

It has come to the notice of the Spices Board that certain firms/entities are conducting auctions of cardamom without obtaining a valid license from the Board. It has also been observed that some licensed cardamom dealers are participating in such unauthorized auctions.

All stakeholders in the cardamom industry are hereby informed that no firm or entity is permitted to conduct auction of cardamom in any form without a valid license issued by the Spices Board. Further, licensed auctioneers are only authorized to conduct auctions at the location, date, and time specified by the Board.

The terms and conditions for licensing cardamom auctioneers and dealers are governed by the Cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rules, 1987, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the CLM Rules).

Rule 3 (1) of CLM rules regarding Conditions to carry on business in cardamom read as under:-

“No person shall carry on business as auctioneer or dealer of cardamom except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued under these rules and such other instructions as may be issued, from time to time, by the Board for the development of the cardamom industry”.

Rule 10(2) (a) The terms and conditions for issue or renewal of dealer licence read as under:-

“The licensed dealer shall purchase cardamom only from registered estate owners/growers or licensed auctioneers;”

In view of the above, all concerned are hereby directed to immediately desist from engaging in any unauthorized cardamom auction or related activity. Failure to comply will result in appropriate necessary action by the Spices Board, and the responsible firms/entities will be held solely accountable.

For the information of stakeholders:

Cardamom auctions are conducted through e-auction centres established by the Spices Board at Puttady (Kerala) and Bodinayakanur (Tamil Nadu), as well as approved manual auction centres in other states.

The list of licensed auctioneers is available for verification on the Spices Board's website:

http://spicesboard.in/public/trader_directory/Traders.php?val=AUC

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