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SILIGURI TEA AUCTION COMMITTEE

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Circular No.176/02/2023

30th March, 2023

To
All Seller Members

PAN India Auction Rules & Regulations for Teas offered for Sale through Auction

Dear Sir,

As per discussion held in the Sales Advisory Body Emergent Meeting dt. 27/03/2023, you are hereby advised to kindly follow the “**Rule No. 22(a), (b), (c) & (d) & 25**” of the PAN India Auction Rule and also new Bharat Auction Rule as circulated by the Tea Board and as specified in the rule of the e-auction on Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) and Plant Protection Code Circular (PPC).

The Seller Members shall ensure that the teas offered for Sale through e-auction should meet the specifications/guidelines as prescribed under the STAC/FSSAI/PPC/Tea Board norms and also as amended from time to time.

This is for your information and necessary compliance.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Shapa
Secretary

- Cc to:
1. The Chairman, STAC
 2. The Vice Chairman, STAC
 3. All Broker Members
 4. All Members of the Governing Body, STAC
 5. All Members of the Sales Advisory Body, STAC
 6. All Registered Warehouses .
 7. All Producers 'Associations
 8. All Buyers' Association

PAN India Auction Rules

19.	Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The teas to be offered for sale through the e-auction shall be graded as per the directions / guidelines laid down by the Tea Board from time to time. b. The grade of the tea should be marked on the package and shall also be disclosed in the Seller's Invoice and AWR. c. The broker, as a part of his inspection of tea, shall verify that the tea has been properly graded and shall also disclose the grade in the catalogue. d. In case the broker feels that the marking of the grade is incorrect, he shall modify the marking in consultation with the seller, to ensure conformity with the guidelines issued by the Tea Board from time to time. Such modified grade shall also be updated by the broker in the e-catalogue. e. In case the broker feels that the tea has been incorrectly graded, he shall intimate the seller for further action in respect of the same.
20.	Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teas offered for sale through the e-auction shall be packed in specific type of packages as per the directions / guidelines laid down by the Tea Board from time to time. b. Teas shall be packed in fresh packages only. Use of re-used packages shall not be permitted.
21.	Damaged Teas, Second-hand and Re-packaged teas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Damaged teas (partly / fully Damaged) shall not be catalogued and offered for sale in auction b. Salvaged teas conforming to FSSAI parameters (only chemical) shall be separately catalogued in a Supplement Catalogue and shall be marked as such in the catalogue.
22.	Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) and Plant Protection Code Circular (PPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sellers shall ensure that the teas offered for sale through the e-auction meet the specifications / guidelines prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) as amended from time to time. b. In case of a doubt on the conformity of the teas to FSSAI specifications/guidelines, the broker shall send the teas for chemical analysis, the cost of which shall be borne by the seller. c. Only teas conforming to the FSSAI shall be catalogued and offered for sale. d. The teas offered must comply with the Plant Protection Codes (PPC) prescribed by Tea Board from time to time.

23.	Sellers' undertaking to the Auction Organiser and Broker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The seller shall indemnify the auction organiser and the broker/buyer members from any liability arising out of the sale of tea under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) b. The seller should also submit the declarations as required and mentioned in the directives on Plant Protection codes (PPC) issued by Tea Board from time to time.
24.	Warranty to Buyers	The broker shall stamp the warranty in the manner and form prescribed by the FSSAI norms and PPC directives on all his contracts and bills to buyers.
25.	Teas to conform with FSSAI, PPC, other directives	All teas offered through the auction system shall meet the prescribed guidelines in relation to FSSAI, PPC and any other directives issued by Tea Board from time to time.
26.	Certified Weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teas shall be sold on warehouse certified weights less the sampling quantity specified by the auction organiser from time to time. b. Where gross weighments show fractions of a kilogram, such fractions shall be treated as per the rules specified by the auction organiser in this regard.
C.	Rules relating to Sale activities	
27.	Auction Day	Auction will be held any day/s between Monday to Saturday from 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m. with a lunch break from 1 p.m. to 2p.m. along with extended hours whenever necessary.
28.	Mode of Auction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Auctions shall be conducted only on electronic trading platform(s) deployed/approved by Tea Board. b. In case of prolonged disruption of the e-auction system, the auction organiser shall follow the contingency plan specified by the Tea Board.
29.	Login Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Each authorised e-auction participant will be mandatorily assigned a unique login to enable him to participate in the e-auction. b. Associate ID's shall also be provided to the buyers as per existing practice i.e Main ID + 5 associate IDs for participating in the auction system. c. The respective participants shall be responsible for the security of their login details, passwords, personalised statements, etc. All transactions recorded in the e-auction trading platform against an individual login/ID will be binding on the concerned participant.