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C I R C U L A R

To
All the Regional Managers &
Auction Superintendents in Karnataka

Sub:- 2023-24 Karnataka crop season – Permission for the sale of excess/ unauthorized tobacco produced by registered/unregistered growers – Guidelines – Reg.

Ref:- 1. Gazette Notification No. S.O.325(E) & 326(E) dated 23.01.2024 published in Gazette of India by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, New Delhi.

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Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, New Delhi, published a Gazette Notification No. S.O.325(E) & 326(E) dated 23.01.2024 in the Gazette of India by authorizing the Board to allow the registered traders and dealers of Tobacco Board to purchase at the auction platforms in the State of Karnataka for the auctions during the crop season 2023-24, the excess flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by registered growers and unauthorized flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by unregistered growers in the State of Karnataka on payment of normal applicable service charges under the said Act. A copy of the Record of Rights in respect of tobacco crop for the year 2024 is to be furnished.

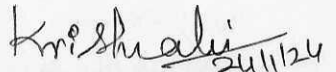
In this regard, all the Auction Superintendents are directed to allow the sale / purchase of excess tobacco produced by registered growers and tobacco produced by unregistered growers for 2023-24 crop season subject to the above conditions and by adopting the following procedures. The Auction Superintendents in Karnataka are also directed to give wide publicity among the growers that zero penalty as approved by the Government is applicable for this year i.e., 2023-24 Karnataka crop season only and this will not be precedent for future crop seasons.

- 1) The sale of excess tobacco produced by registered growers and unauthorised tobacco produced by unregistered growers may be allowed with immediate effect subject to payment of normal service charges by the growers as per procedure.
- 2) Platform wise estimated quantities of excess tobacco and unauthorized tobacco submitted by Auction Superintendents are enclosed. Sale of unauthorized tobacco as excess tobacco by grower shall not be allowed.
- 3) Auction Superintendents shall maintain **grower wise and grade wise enumeration of stocks** duly certified by the field staff and secure all relevant/ verification records for future inspection.

- 4) The registered/unregistered growers shall file an application cum undertaking with details of stocks of the excess / unauthorised production and that they will not resort to excess / unauthorised cultivation and operation of their unregistered / unauthorised barns in future. (The format of application may be modified as per Government permission).
- 5) After receiving the applications for sale of excess / unauthorised tobacco from individual growers along with particulars of stocks held by them, the same shall be collected and verified with the stock verification report drawn up by the platform earlier.
- 6) Auction Superintendents shall finalize a list of **grower wise excess quantities / unauthorised quantities** basing on the applications of growers, enumeration reports and certifications from field staff.
- 7) The quota for sale of excess tobacco shall be allowed **only to the growers whose stocks are certified by concerned field staff by allowing the quota in the computer only to the extent of the stocks held by them individually.**
- 8) **The quota for all the growers shall not be enhanced uniformly in the computer/ system for allowing sale of excess tobacco by all growers.**
- 9) Any minor deviations in sales from the enumeration report need to be justified by concerned field staff and approved by the SGO and the Auction Superintendent.
- 10) If there are major deviations in the offerings from the stock enumeration report the same shall not be allowed and referred to concerned Regional Manager.
- 11) The sale of unauthorised tobacco shall be allowed on the name of the Auction Superintendent as per procedure being adopted during previous years.
- 12) After completion of the sale of excess / unauthorised tobacco, the sale particulars along with other details shall be furnished to Head Office in the proforma enclosed without fail.

This is issued with the approval of Executive Director vide orders dated 24.01.2024.

Encl:- As above


(Dr. M. KRISHNA SRI)
Manager (Production)

- Copy to:-
1. The Regional Manager, Director of Auctions, Tobacco Board, Bengaluru.
 2. All The Managers in Head Office, Guntur.
 3. OSD (V), Head Office, Guntur.
 4. Computer Section for information and necessary action.

2023-24 Karnataka Auctions – Particulars of Excess and Unauthorized Tobacco Sales

APF No.: _____

Name of the APF _____

Particulars of Authorized Excess Tobacco:

Particulars		2023-24	2022-23
Estd.No.of growers who produced Excess Tobacco			
Total excess area planted by registered growers			
Authorised excess tobacco production estimated			
Total Authorised excess tobacco actually sold	Growers		
	Quantity		
Percentage of growers who produced Authorised excess out of total growers			
No. of suspected cases of unauthorized tobacco selling as authorised excess identified			
Analysis of sale of excess authorised quantity			
Below 10% of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
10 to 15% of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
15-20% of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
20-25% of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
25-50% of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
Above 50%of quota	No.of growers		
	Quantity		
Min / Max/ Average of excess qty sold per barn			
Minimum			
Maximum			
Average of excess sold per barn			

Total fees collected on sale of excess tobacco

No.of growers		
Total quantity of excess tobacco sold		
Value of excess tobacco sold		
Average price		
Normal service charges collected @1%		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		

Particulars of Un-Authorized tobacco sold

Particulars		2023-24	2022-23
Total no. of Unregistered growers initially identified (Village wise/Grower wise list to be available with platform)			
Total no. of unauthorized barns used by them.			
Total extent of area planted by unregistered growers			
Estimated production by unregistered growers.			
Total quantity of unauthorized crop actually sold	Growers		
	Quantity		
No. of unregistered growers cultivated tobacco (As per record) but have not sold tobacco on platform			
No. of suspected cases of unauthorized growers selling to registered growers			
No. of suspected cases of unauthorized growers selling outside the platform			

Total fees collected on sale of unauthorized tobacco

No. of unregistered growers sold tobacco		
Quantity sold		
Value of tobacco sold		
Average price		
Normal service charges collected @1%		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		

Auction platform wise Authorized, Authorized Excess and Un-authorized final Estimated production for 2023-24 crop season in Karnataka

S. No.	Platform Name	Estimated Authorized Production by Registered growers			Estimated Excess Production by Registered growers			Estimated Un-authorized production by Un-registered growers			Total Estimated Production		
		Growers	Barns (ITS)	Qty. In M. kgs	Growers	Barns (ITS)	Qty. in M. kgs	Growers	Barns (ITS)	Qty. in M. kgs	Growers (Regd +Un-auth)	Barns (ITS) (Regd +Un-auth)	Final Estd. Pdn (Qty. in M. kgs)
Mysure Region													
1	H.D.Kote-01	3671	4736.00	6.75	1100	1250.00	0.20	1150	1450.00	0.85	4821	6186.00	7.80
2	Hunsur-02	3279	4052.00	6.06	1347	1569.00	0.49	1268	1541.00	1.45	4547	5593.00	8.00
3	Hunsur-03	3089	3688.00	6.15	1110	1306.00	0.35	1228	1372.00	0.90	4317	5060.00	7.40
4	Hunsur-64	2325	2957.00	4.95	920	950.00	0.20	658	752.00	0.55	2983	3709.00	5.70
5	Chilakunda-62	5528	7107.50	10.20	1560	2060.00	0.83	1268	1679.00	1.32	6796	8786.50	12.35
	Sub-Total:	17892	22540.50	34.11	6037	7135.00	2.07	5572	6794.00	5.07	23464	29334.50	41.25
Periyapatna Region													
6	Periyapatna-04	4180	5866.00	7.78	250	325.00	0.20	707	1058.00	0.40	4887	6924.00	8.38
7	Periyapatna-05	4776	6119.00	9.03	1231	1568.00	0.20	1311	1850.00	1.46	6087	7969.00	10.69
8	Periyapatna-06	4730	6001.00	8.48	620	710.00	0.35	920	1250.00	0.50	5650	7251.00	9.33
9	Ramnathpura-07	3925	4807.00	6.37	450	500.00	0.10	1458	2004.00	0.69	5383	6811.00	7.16
10	Ramnathpura-63	3100	3830.00	5.57	850	1020.00	0.10	506	672.00	0.37	3606	4502.00	6.04
	Sub-Total:	20711	26623.00	37.23	3401	4123.00	0.95	4902	6834.00	3.42	25613	33457.00	41.60
	Grand Total:	38603	49163.50	71.34	9438	11258.00	3.02	10474	13628.00	8.49	49077	62791.50	82.85