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To,

All Producer/Buyer/Exporter Associations across India

Sub: Revised Jorhat Auction Rules.

Sir(s)/Madam(s),

This has reference to the Jorhat Auction Rules notified by Tea Board vide Circular Ref. No.6(29)/LC/2014/Jorhat/part-1/ 12646 dated 21.02.2020. In this connection, I am directed to inform that based on the feedback received from stakeholders on implementation of Jorhat auction rules and subsequent discussion held between Tea Board and M/s. mjunction services ltd., the Jorhat Auction Rules have been revised by Tea Board as per the attached Annexure.

This may kindly be brought to the notice of all your members.

Encl. as stated

Yours faithfully,

(Rajanigandha Seal Naskar)
Controller of Licensing

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5. In-charge, Tea Board, Palampur

Jorhat Auction Rules (Update 2.0)

		A. General Principles of Auction Sale
1	Primary condition of Auction Sale	<p>a. All rules made hereunder for conducting the auctions are in accordance with the provisions contained in The Tea (Marketing) Control Order 2003 and shall be amended by Tea Board from time to time.</p> <p>b. System Integrator registered by Tea Board shall conduct the auctions on a day to day basis along with other required functions as specified in the Rule or as amended from time to time. In the case of Jorhat auction, the System Integrator shall also be responsible for designing, developing, implementation and maintenance of the auction software as well.</p> <p>c. The stakeholders eligible for participating in the Auction process are as under:</p> <p>I. Registered manufacturers of Tea Board under the provision of The Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003.</p> <p>II. Registered buyers of Tea Board under the provision of The Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003.</p> <p>III. Registered warehouses of Tea Board under the provision of The Tea Warehouse (Licensing) Order 1989. In the case of Jorhat Auction, the auction organiser shall also be responsible for operating a centralised warehouse at Jorhat for the purpose of receipt and storage of auction teas.</p>
2	Origin of teas to be offered	<p>a. Only teas of Indian origin shall be permitted to be catalogued.</p> <p>b. The teas in and around Jorhat, Assam shall be offered for sale in the e-auction platform of Jorhat.</p>
3	Roles and Responsibilities of various stakeholders	The roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders of the e-auction system shall be stipulated by the System Integrator from time to time and shall be effective only after prior approval of the Tea Board.
4	All Sales and Purchases to be subject to prescribed Terms and Conditions	<p>a. All sales and purchases of teas in Jorhat Auction centre shall be governed by rules prescribed by Tea Board from time to time.</p> <p>b. Unless otherwise specified, any dispute between stakeholders arising from the sale of teas in e-auctions shall be dealt by the System Integrator under the guideline/rules of Tea Board for conducting the auction.</p>
5	The basis of sales regarding the nature of each tea	The sample distributed before the sale, having been drawn by the System Integrator from the lots offered for sale, shall form the basis of the sale as regard the nature and description of the tea, but not the state and condition thereof, unless otherwise provided in the e-auction catalogue. Buyers must take all reasonable steps to satisfy themselves as to the state and condition of the tea before their removal from the warehouse.

6	Auction Organiser not to be interested in sale/purchase	<p>The Auction Organizer by virtue of its Agreement executed with Tea Board, shall ensure that the company or its employees, Board members or any participating third parties shall not either directly or indirectly interfere/influence the sale and purchase, of tea, under any circumstances.</p> <p>However, the Auction Organizer may own the tea post sales purely for accounting reasons before it is passed on to the winning parties.</p>
7	Location of e - auction	All transacting users shall interact with the Jorhat auction portal from their location of choice. There shall not be physical auction hall in the process.
8	Independent Settlement Agency	<p>a. The Tea Board shall make suitable arrangements for handling of settlement function pertaining to e-auctions by engaging an independent agency, preferably a scheduled commercial bank.</p> <p>b. Tea Board shall take the e-auction rules into consideration while entering into the Service Level Agreement with the independent settlement agency.</p> <p>c. The role of the settlement agency shall be to receive payments from the buyers in the designated settlement account opened and maintained in the settlement bank, to make payments to the sellers/System Integrator and other parties (based on instructions received from the System Integrator/seller, as applicable).</p> <p>d. All post sale transactions including issuance of delivery orders, etc. should be routed through the Jorhatauction system.</p>
9	Buyers' and Sellers' Financing	The Auction Organiser, upon requirement of the stakeholders (buyers and sellers), may arrange for finance through banks and NBFCs. The stakeholders shall have access to funds based on certain eligibility criteria and the entire process shall be routed online through the platform.
10	Availability of Logistics for Sellers/Buyers	<p>a. Logistics providers shall be empanelled by the System Integrator and shall be registered in the Auction platform.</p> <p>b. The seller/buyer shall upload his logistics requirement on the platform before planning his lifting schedule.</p> <p>c. The platform shall aggregate the logistics demand and broadcast the information to all logistics providers registered in the platform.</p> <p>d. The registered logistics providers shall upload the availability of vehicles and the respective rates on the platform for the Sellers/Buyers prior to dispatch of tea from seller's garden to warehouse or warehouse to buyer's destination. The seller/buyer shall have to confirm the logistics provider through the platform.</p> <p>e. However, the seller and buyer, if feel so, may choose his own logistics provider outside the portal as per his discretion.</p> <p>f. Logistics provided on the platform shall be considered as a value-added service provided by the Auction Organiser and shall be charged separately.</p>
11	Auction Transaction & Service Level Audit	<p>a. The System Integrator shall arrange for an auction transaction audit on a yearly basis at their own cost and the report shall be submitted to Tea Board.</p> <p>b. However, Tea Board may conduct requisite audit either internally or through a third party agency, if required.</p>

		B. Rules relating to pre-sale activities
12	Receipt of teas at Registered Warehouses and preparation of Online Arrival & Weighment Report (AWR)	<p>a. The teas to be offered for sale in the e-auction shall be stored in warehouses registered with Tea Board (under TWLO, 1989 or as amended from time to time) and shall be maintained, operated by the Auction Organizer on a day to day basis.</p> <p>b. All teas received for sales at the warehouse from the manufacturing units shall be gross weighed on electronic scale by the warehouse authorities at the time of entry into the warehouse. Wherever the gross weights vary from those marked on the invoices/ packages, the ascertained gross weights shall be recorded in the online AWR with reason thereof. The copy of such AWR shall be available online to the seller.</p> <p>c. The ascertained gross weights shall form the basis of the published catalogues for online sale/ purchase of tea and the same shall be binding on the sellers and buyers.</p> <p>d. All teas sent to the warehouse must be for the purpose of auction sale only.</p> <p>e. The warehouse shall be used as a transit storage point, for teas before and after auctions. It shall not be treated as a point for holding inventory for extended period of time.</p>
13	Lot Sizes	<p>The lot sizes for this platform shall be a minimum of 5(five) bags/packages. There will not be any upper limit on size of the lot, ie, a lot may have 'n' of bags/packages. However, for speciality teas, the minimum lot size is 1 bag. The lots having less than 20 bags/packages shall be considered as small lots and any lot equal to or greater than 20 bags/packages shall be considered as large lots. Divisibility of lots will be applicable in case of such large lots as per circular issued.</p>
14	Publishing of online Interim Catalogue	<p>a. All teas received at the warehouse and recorded in the online AWR shall be considered for preparing the online interim catalogue for the nearest future sale, subject to the last date of receipt at warehouse, as published in the online sale announcement by the auction organiser.</p> <p>b. This catalogue shall be made available online to sellers, buyers and Tea Board at least 7 calendar days <u>prior to auction</u>.</p>

15	Inspection of tea and drawal of Samples for Trade Sample, Tasting etc	<p>a. The agency designated for the purpose by the Auction Organizer and approved by Tea Board shall draw samples from the lots after publishing of interim catalogue. The samples shall be drawn as per the provisions specified in TMCO, 2003 and FSSAI Rules, as amended from time to time.</p> <p>b. The quantity of samples to be drawn from the lots shall be a fixed quantity (in kilogram), i.e., the sample quantity shall not vary depending on the actual quantity of each lot. The quantity to be drawn for the purposes mentioned shall be as per Annexure-A</p> <p>c. Teas, which upon inspection are found to vary from the details specified in the garden invoice, shall be updated in the system for notifying the seller. The said lot shall not be considered for sale in any future catalogue till such time it is cleared by the designated agency. The subsequent process for rectification by the seller and the associated charges shall be as per Annexure-B (Warehouse charges)</p>
16	Tasting and Valuation of Tea	<p>a. The teas shall be tasted by the designated taster (appointed by auction organiser with prior approval of Tea Board) in respect of requisite parameters and the results of the same shall be included in the online final catalogue.</p> <p>b. The designated taster shall evaluate the samples and publish the results (Quality Vocabulary) comprising the following heads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Dry leaf II. Infusion III. Liquor <p>c. Basis the above, the designated taster shall upload the estimated valuation range for the consumption of the seller in the portal. This range will comprise lower and upper price limits (LPL and UPL).</p> <p>d. The above estimated valuation shall serve as an indicative assessment of tea to the seller for setting of price parameters prior to the auction.</p>
17	Eligibility of buyers to receive Free Trade Samples (FTS)	<p>a. The eligibility of the buyer to receive FTS and the quantity thereof shall be fixed by the Auction Organiser considering the buying pattern of the buyer and the same shall be implemented with prior approval of Tea Board as per Annexure-C</p> <p>b. The eligibility for receiving FTS shall be reviewed from time to time by the Auction Organiser in consultation with Tea Board.</p>
18	Packing and Delivery of FTS	<p>a. The responsibility of packing and delivery of FTS rests with the Auction Organiser.</p> <p>b. All the samples to be delivered to buyers shall be packed as per existing industry standards in force.</p>

19	Preparation of Final Catalogue (Online)	<p>a. The catalogues to be uploaded online shall be for CTC Leaf, CTC dust, Orthodox Leaf, Orthodox Dust and Speciality teas.</p> <p>b. The teas for a particular sale shall be catalogued on FIFO basis with respect to online AWR.</p> <p>c. The Auction Organiser may, from time to time, specify the maximum volume of teas which can be offered for sale in a Sale Programme, for different categories of tea. In such case, the seller shall have to abide by this overall cap specified by the Auction Organiser in consultation with Tea Board.</p> <p>d. The volume of tea shall be sold in Kilogram and in Indian Rupees only</p> <p>e. The teas published in the final catalogue cannot be withdrawn under any circumstances other than quality difference.</p>
20	e-Catalogue Publishing Time	The final e-catalogue publishing time shall be atleast 7 days before the date of auction.
21	Setting of Price Parameters	<p>a. Start Bid Price (SBP): It is the base price below which the auction system shall reject the bids.</p> <p>b. Reserve Price (RP): It is the price below which the lot shall not be sold.</p> <p>c. The seller shall mandatorily set all the price parameters 4 days prior to the auction date.</p> <p>d. RP shall only be known to the seller and shall not be made available to any other party including buyer under any circumstances. However, SBP shall be visible to all stakeholders as a reference point for starting of bid.</p>

22	Grading	<p>a. The teas to be offered for sale through the e-auction shall be graded as per the directions/ guidelines issued by the Tea Board from time to time (Annexure-D)</p> <p>b. The grade of the tea should be marked on the package and shall also be disclosed in the Garden Invoice, AWR and e-Catalogue.</p> <p>c. The designated taster authorised by Tea Board, as a part of inspection of tea, shall verify that the tea has been properly graded.</p> <p>d. In case the designated taster/warehouse operator finds that there is a mismatch of grade between the garden invoice and the package or the same is deviating from Tea Board's guidelines, the matter shall be intimated to the seller through the online system and shall not be catalogued unless the error is rectified.</p>
23	Packaging	<p>a. Teas offered for sale through the e-auction shall be packed in specific type of packages as per the directions/ guidelines issued by Tea Board from time to time (Annexure-E)</p> <p>b. Teas shall be packed in fresh packages only. Use of re-used packages shall not be permitted.</p>
24	Damaged teas, Re-packaged teas, Salvaged teas	<p>a. Damaged teas (partly/ fully Damaged) shall not be catalogued and offered for sale in auction</p> <p>b. Salvaged teas shall be e-catalogued only after adherence to FSSAI parameteres. The charges for such testing shall be borne by the seller.</p>
25	Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)	<p>a. Sellers shall ensure that the teas offered for sale through the e-auction meet the specifications prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Rules, as amended from time to time. Copy of the FSSAI License has to be provided as part of the online registration process.</p> <p>b. In case of any doubt on the conformity of the teas to FSSAI specifications/ guidelines, the Auction Organiser shall have the liberty to send the teas for chemical analysis, the cost of which shall be borne by the seller.</p> <p>c. Only teas conforming to FSSAI parameters shall be catalogued and offered for sale.</p> <p>d. The seller shall indemnify the Auction Organizer/ buyer members from any liability arising out of the sale of tea under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).</p> <p>e. As per FSSAI, the seller has to test his teas twice a year. Such FSSAI test results should be uploaded by the seller in the auction platform.</p> <p>f. Auction Organiser may also adopt the system of random testing of samples (FSSAI parameters) on a half yearly basis and the results shall be published in the auction portal. Cost of such testing shall be borne by sellers.</p>

		C. Rules relating to Sale activities
26	Auction Day	<p>a. Auctions shall be conducted on every Monday between 11am to 7pm with a lunch break of one hour in between.</p> <p>There may be instances, due to large volume, the auctions may spillover to Tue. In case of public holiday(s) on auction day(s), stakeholders shall be informed through adequate prior notice, on alternate date(s).</p> <p>b. Auction for multiple categories (CTC/Orthodox/Speciality etc.) can be conducted in parallel by the Auction Organizer. The Auction Organizer shall publish such sale schedule well in advance through the Auction Schedule document.</p>
27	Mode of Auction	<p>a. Auctions shall be conducted only on electronic trading platform deployed/ approved by Tea Board.</p> <p>b. In case of a prolonged disruption of the e-auction system, the Auction Organiser shall follow the contingency plan specified by the Tea Board.</p>
28	Login Protocols	<p>a. The auction platform shall allow registration of multiple users of an organization. Depending upon the approvals provided by the system admin of the organisation single or multiple users can bid on an Auction day. However, the system shall not allow 2 IDs from the same organization to bid in the same lot.</p> <p>b. The auction platform shall also allow the other users from the same organization to login as viewers during the live auction.</p> <p>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 shall be binding on the concerned participant.</p>
29	Identity of the bidders	Total anonymity of bidders shall be ensured by the system during live auction. However, the highest bid price at any point of time shall be visible to the buyers during live auction.

30	Bidding Sessions, opening of lots and activation of lots for knocking down	<p>a. The Auction Organiser shall divide the entire catalogue into finite batches consisting of multiple lots which shall be published in the e-catalogue. These batches shall run on the auction day as per the slots mentioned in the e-catalogue (Sequential bidding).</p> <p>b. Each slot/batch, consisting of 'n' lots, as defined in the e-catalogue shall run for a predefined period of 'x' minutes as published in the auction schedule. However, extension of bidding time shall be allowed if any bid is received at an increment of more than or equal to the minimum bid increment by another 30 seconds. This extension of time will continue for maximum of 4 cycles of 30 seconds each.</p> <p>c. Each lot shall be knocked down by the system basis the RP criteria set by the seller</p> <p>e. The above shall be reviewed & implemented from time to time in consultation with Tea Board of India.</p>
31	Starting Bid and rate of advancement of Bidding	<p>a. Starting bid for any lot shall be a whole number (without decimal).</p> <p>b. The rate of advancement of bidding shall be Re. 1</p> <p>c. The above shall be reviewed & implemented from time to time in consultation with Tea Board of India.</p>
32	Auto Bid Logic	The system will allow auto bids during the period of auction only. The rule will kick in when the demand for a certain lot and at a certain price is more than the available quantity.
33	Division of Lots	Lots shall be divisible based on the circular issued by Auction Organiser from time to time, in consultation with Tea Board.
34	Reopening of lots impacted by system error	Lots affected due to system error shall be re-opened for bidding under the same sale programme on the closure at the end of the day.

35	Handling Unsold Lots	<p>The options available to the seller in respect of unsold Lots shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Withdrawal of entire/residual unsold lot from the auction system ii. Reprint as a fresh lot with sampling iii. Reprint as a 'Reprint lots' without sampling. <p>Reprint lots shall appear in catalogue for sale after 2 weeks.</p>
36	Mistakes in bidding	<p>a. Any mistake in bidding in a lot by a participating bidder has to be informed in writing (vide email to teajunction@mjunction.in) within the run-time of the auction. Based on the merit of the case and subject to NOC from concerned seller of the lot, Auction Committee will take the decision. Decision taken by Auction committee shall be binding on all users.</p>

		D. Rules relating to Post-sale activities
37	Issuance of Tax Notes	<p>The auction platform shall generate one Tax invoices for the entire lots bought by a buyer, within 24 hours of sale closure (sale value + Applicable taxes as per Govt. of India notifications from time-to-time).</p>
38	Other Statutory deduction and return filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1% TDS from seller on sale value of tea shall be deducted by Tea Board as e-commerce operator (u/s 194O) and filing of return shall be done by Tea Board. b. Apart from the above mentioned statutory deductions, the system will deduct TCS 1% and other statutory dues as and when notified by GST authority or any other related authority.
39	Transaction fee to be paid to the auction organiser	<p>a. 1.17% of the Total Sale Value has to be paid by sellers.</p>
40	Performance Security Deposit	<p>5% of the total sale purchase value from Sellers.</p> <p>Performance security deposit will be refunded to seller by System Integrator, after seller files GST Returns (GSTR3B) against the Tea Sale invoice and furnishes the Acknowledgement No.</p>

41	Buyers' Prompt Date (Maximum days allowed for payment by buyers)	<p>a. The Buyer's Prompt Date shall be Fourteen (14) days from the date of sale.</p> <p>b. A maximum extension of 1 day per sale shall be given to make the payment beyond the Prompt date. A total of 6 such extensions shall be given to each buyer in a calendar year.</p> <p>c. Any extension beyond the above specified timelines shall have to be approved by Tea Board on case to case basis.</p>
42	Seller's Prompt Date	<p>a. Seller's receipt shall be a 'continuous settlement' with payment being made (by the Settlement Bank) to the seller on receipt of clear funds in the settlement account maximum by the next working day.</p>
43	Preparation and issuance of Delivery Orders	<p>a. Issuance of delivery order shall be online and immediate after receipt of payment from the buyer, provided actual delivery address has been furnished online by the buyers.</p> <p>b. All sale invoices shall be raised on the designated 'Billing Address' of each buyer.</p> <p>c. Delivery Orders shall be issued for the complete lot (against which full payment has been made) bought by the buyer. Requests for issue of Delivery Orders for a part of the lot shall not be entertained. However, partial lifting of a lot is permissible.</p>
44	Force Majeure	<p>a. Buyer's Prompt date beyond extended period can further be extended by Tea Board in case of natural calamities, emergency situations like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -fire, explosion, cyclone, floods; earthquake, -war, revolution, acts of public enemies, blockage or embargo; -any law, order, proclamation, ordinance, demand or requirements of any Government or authority or representative of any such Government including restrictive trade practices or regulations <p>b. The buyer in such cases shall make an online request to Tea Board & Auction Organiser.</p>

45	Method of Prompt Payment	<p>a. All payments by the buyers shall be made to the Settlement Banker(s) online in accordance with the directives issued by Tea Board and the Auction Organizer from time to time.</p> <p>b. The Settlement Bank shall make payments to the sellers, Tea Board, Auction Organizer and other concerned parties through online transfer.</p>
46	Delivery of Teas	<p>a. Delivery of teas to the buyers shall only be made by the warehouse concerned on presentation of valid Delivery Orders relating to specific lots/invoice of tea issued from the auction platform.</p> <p>b. The warehouse shall deliver the tea to the nominated agent of the buyers within one working day after placement of online delivery request.</p> <p>c. Any tea/lot against which Warehouse Receipts have been taken by the seller cannot be withdrawn from the warehouse without clearance of the dues.</p> <p>d. In case the delivery of teas are facilitated by the Auction Organiser through their registered logistics provider, the same shall be done by Auction Organiser after receipt of required information online from the buyer.</p>
47	Sellers responsibility towards the Goods	The goods shall be at sellers' risk only for 7 days after completion of buyers' prompt date or until removal by the buyer, whichever is earlier
48	Warehouse charges	<p>a. The charges payable to the registered warehouse shall be as per Annexure-B</p> <p>b. Warehousing charges for the tea shall be borne by the seller up to seven (07) days after the buyers' prompt date or until removal by the buyer, whichever is earlier</p> <p>c. Storage of teas by the buyer beyond four weeks (inclusive of free period allotted on account of the seller) from the date of sale shall attract charges as per Annexure-B</p> <p>d. Payment shall be made by seller/buyer on a monthly basis against the warehouse charges.</p>
49	Default of Buyer's Prompt	<p>a. If the buyer fails to pay for the tea or any part thereof, on the due date for payment, the deal for the unpaid lot(s) shall be declared as cancelled and the goods may be resold in the next available auction. Any loss arising from such resale, together with the interest to be calculated at the prevailing rate (prevailing SBI fixed deposit Rate for the current year) from the due date and all charges incurred, shall be paid by the defaulting buyer as compensation to the original seller through the Auction Organizer within 30 days from original prompt date of the auction sale. In the event of a profit accruing from such a resale, it shall be paid to the original seller. The defaulting buyer shall not be entitled to any profit which may accrue from such resale.</p>

50	Compensation for non-delivery of teas	<p>a. In case of default (by the producer/ warehouse /Auction Organiser) on account of non-delivery of tea, the concerned buyer shall immediately report the issue to the Dispute Resolution Committee Auction Organizer with a copy to Tea Board.</p> <p>b. Investigations shall be promptly conducted by the Dispute Resolution Committee to identify the defaulting party.</p> <p>c. A penalty of up to 30% of the knockdown value of the teas shall be paid by the defaulting party to the aggrieved buyer through the Dispute Resolution Committee.</p> <p>d. In case a party is found to be a defaulter under this rule on three occasions in a calendar year, the Dispute Resolution Committee, shall report the same to Tea Board maximum within 7 days, for taking further action including suspension / cancellation of License.</p>
51	Right of buyer to inspect tea	<p>a. The buyer or his nominated agent shall have the right to examine each chest/ bag/ package bought by him in the auction upon producing the delivery orders to the warehouse keeper and the warehouse keeper shall extend necessary cooperation to buyers in this connection. If a complaint is made by a buyer in this respect, the Tea Board shall call upon the Auction Organiser to furnish an explanation before further action.</p> <p>b. In case the delivery is facilitated by the warehouse through its registered logistics providers, the Auction Organiser should ensure delivery of original sold teas to the buyer.</p>
52	Claims for shortage in weight on taking delivery	<p>a. The buyer or his representative must be satisfied before taking delivery of teas. Any dispute regarding differences in the weight of material after removal of teas from the warehouse shall not be entertained.</p> <p>b. In case the delivery is facilitated by the Auction Organiser through their registered logistics provider, it is the responsibility of the Auction Organiser to take due care in this regard.</p> <p>c. In case of shortweight, any claim must be submitted by the buyer to the Dispute Resolution Committee within 7 days of receipt of teas and must be supported by a weighment certificate issued by the warehouse at the time of removal of the teas.</p> <p>d. All claims for shortweight should be settled by the defaulting party within 14 days of receipt of such claims as per the decision taken by Dispute Resolution Committee.</p>

53	Claims on grounds of difference or inferiority in quality, description, damage, deterioration or defect in packing	<p>a. Buyer should be satisfied by all means before taking delivery with regard to quality of teas.</p> <p>b. All claims in this regard shall be resolved through the Claims Sub-Committee constituted for the purpose.(Annexure-F)</p> <p>c. Claims on grounds of quality should be submitted within 1 months from the date of sale or within 7 days from the removal of teas from the warehouse whichever is earlier.</p> <p>d. Claims on grounds of quality made after removal of the packages from the registered warehouses shall not be entertained unless the Claims Sub Committee is of the opinion that the defects complained would not have been discoverable despite taking such steps by the buyer or the Auction Organiser (in case delivery is facilitated by them) within the prescribed period after the sale.</p>
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Licensing Authority, Tea Board

Annexure A

Sample Quantity

The quantity of samples to be drawn from the lots shall be as follows:

Category	For all lots
CTC Leaf	7 kg per lot
CTC/ Orthodox Dust	4 kg per lot
Orthodox Leaf	7 kg per lot

Annexure B

Schedule of Warehousing Charges at the Jorhat eMarketplace for Tea

Note : All rates are per package unless otherwise indicated for Sellers/Buyer, applicable from 1st April 2023

SI No	Particulars	MJ Jorhat Rates (Rs)
A	Receiving into warehouse including unloading, sorting, gross weighment, stacking at location for category inspection by Mjunction, opening for sampling and stitching / taping, weighment and re—marking of sample packages, minor repairing, with free chages upto 30 days on Seller's account and excludes cost of materials supplied.	0.00
B	Additional storge charges after first 30 days up to and including prompt date or up to one week after prompt date in case sold tea is not lifted, per week or part of a week payable by Sellers.	4.00
C (I)	Additional charges after one week of prompt date per week or part of a week payable by Buyers, upto 4 weeks	5.00
C (ii)	Additional charges after completion of (I) above, per week or part of a week payable by Buyers, for next 4 weeks	15.00
C (iii)	Additional charges after completion of (ii) above, per week or part of a week payable by Buyers.	25.00
D	Laying down, restacking, including gross weighment under instructions from mjunction	0.00
E	Damaged teas special charges for handling [separation from good tea and Cleaning only] (per kilogram)	3.00
F	Re-packing into bags, weighing tare, gross weighment and marking etc.	7.00
G	Replacing bags (labour only) per bag.	0.00
H	Marking, rectifying irregular marking etc.	3.00
I	Drawal of samples from bags including machine stitching (on request) / check sample for seller.	3.00
J	Sorting of sub-lots for re—stacking (sellers account).	2.00
K	Stenciling shipping mark / taping charges.	3.00
L	Gunnying and marking.	Actuals at current rate
M	Materials - chests, bags, panels etc.	Actuals at current rate
N	Removing from stack and loading into Buyer's transport.	2.50
O	Gross weighment of packages - applicable only when weighment certificate with full signature of concerned delivery man is issued to the Buyer.	2.00
P	Drawal of samples for Buyers.	2.50

Annexure C

Free Trade Samples

At the initial stage, all buyers registered in the platform and wishes to participate in a particular sale shall receive Free Trade Samples.

The quantity of Free Trade Samples per lot per buyer shall be 25gm. The maximum limit of sample to be withdrawn from a lot shall be as per **Annexure-A**.

However, the eligibility for receiving Free Trade Samples shall be reviewed from time to time by the Auction Organiser in consultation with Tea Board.

Annexure D

Grades of Tea (CTC, Orthodox, Speciality)

STANDARD CTC & ORTHODOX TEA GRADES

Sl. No.	Name of Grade	Type of Tea
1	BOPL	CTC
2	BOP-S	CTC
3	BOPSM	CTC
4	BP	CTC
5	BP1	CTC
6	BPSM	CTC
7	CD	CTC
8	CD1	CTC
9	D/Dust	CTC
10	D1	CTC
11	FD	CTC
12	GD	CTC
13	OF1	CTC
14	PD	CTC
15	PD1	CTC
16	PF	CTC
17	PF1	CTC
18	RD	CTC
19	RD1	CTC
20	SFD/ SFD(SUP)	CTC
21	SRD	CTC
22	BOP	CTC & ORTHODOX
23	BOP1/ BOP1(O)/ FBOP1	CTC & ORTHODOX
24	BOPF	CTC & ORTHODOX
25	BPS/ BPS(O)/ SBP	CTC & ORTHODOX
26	FP/ TFP	CTC & ORTHODOX
27	OF	CTC & ORTHODOX
28	OCD	CTC & ORTHODOX
29	OD	CTC & ORTHODOX
30	OPD	CTC & ORTHODOX
31	BOPD	ORTHODOX
32	BOPF1	ORTHODOX
33	BPS1	ORTHODOX
34	FBOP	ORTHODOX
35	FBOP (SPL)	ORTHODOX
36	FBOP(CL)	ORTHODOX
37	FOF	ORTHODOX
38	FOP	ORTHODOX
39	FTGFOP1	ORTHODOX
40	FTGFOP1(C	ORTHODOX
41	FTGFOP1(S	ORTHODOX
42	GBOP	ORTHODOX
43	GBOP(SPL)	ORTHODOX
44	GBOP1	ORTHODOX
45	GFBOP	ORTHODOX
46	GFBOPS	ORTHODOX
47	GFBOP(S)	ORTHODOX
48	GFOP	ORTHODOX

49	GFOP (S)	ORTHODOX
50	GOF	ORTHODOX
51	GTGFOP	ORTHODOX
52	GTGFOP1	ORTHODOX
53	OBPS	ORTHODOX
54	OCD1	ORTHODOX
55	OD1	ORTHODOX
56	OP	ORTHODOX
57	OP1	ORTHODOX
58	OP-A	ORTHODOX
59	OPD1	ORTHODOX
60	OPAL	ORTHODOX
61	SD	ORTHODOX
62	SFTGFOP1/ SFTGFOP1(ORTHODOX
63	STGFOP1(S / STGFOP1S	ORTHODOX
64	TFBOP	ORTHODOX
65	TGBOP	ORTHODOX
66	TGBOP1	ORTHODOX
67	TGFOP	ORTHODOX
68	TGFOP(S)	ORTHODOX
69	TGFOP1	ORTHODOX
70	TGOF	ORTHODOX

STANDARD GREEN TEA GRADES

Sl. No.	Name of Grade
1	BAIMUDAN
2	BULK II
3	DUST
4	FINE
5	FINE 1
6	FINE YOUNG HYSON
7	FOF
8	FUJAIN GREEN
9	GOF
10	GTGBOP1
11	GTGFOP1
12	GTGOF
13	GUNPOWDER
14	HYSON
15	HYSON I
16	LACHHA
17	LAPSANG SUCHONG
18	MASDANA
19	MATCHA TEA
20	MOGRA
21	MOGRA1
22	MOGRA2
23	ROASTED GREEN TEA
24	S FINE
25	SILVER NEEDLE
26	SOUMEE
27	SUPER FINE
28	SUPER LACCHA
29	SUPER MOGRA
30	SUPER TWIST
31	SUPERFINE1
32	TWANKY
33	YOUNG HYSON

Annexure E

Packaging of Tea

RECOMMENDED PACKAGING MATERIALS:

Sack Type	Pack Dimension
P – Paper Sack	T – 48 * 48 * 60 cm V – 48 * 48 * 56 cm
V – Plastic Woven Sack	W – 48 * 48 * 50 cm R – 40 * 40 * 60 cm
D – HDPE Bags	U – 36 * 36 * 40 cm M – 36 * 36 * 41 cm A – 69 * 54 * 26 cm B – 69 * 54 * 33 cm X – 46 * 46 * 50 cm Y – 40 * 40 * 50 cm Z – 40 * 40 * 45 cm S – 40 * 50 * 60 cm HPS – Half Paper Sack (66*61*19 cm)

Annexure F

Claims Sub Committee

All claims on grounds of difference or inferiority in quality, description, damage, deterioration or defect in packing shall be resolved through the Claims Sub-Committee constituted consisting of:

- 1) One/two elected members of Seller community registered on Jorhat e-marketplace
- 2) One/two elected members of Buyer community registered on Jorhat e-marketplace
- 3) Two members from mjunction services limited
- 4) One member from Tea Board Regional office