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Circular

Subject: Revised SOP for 100% dust tea auction for further period of one (01) year beyond 31st December, 2025

Reference has been invited to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) circulated vide Circular Ref. No.6(29)/LC/Auction/Dust Tea/2024/893 dated 02.05.2025 and subsequent revision of Points No. 1 and 8 issued vide Circular No. 6(29)/LC/Auction/Dust Tea/2024/1043 dated 27.08.2025 pertaining to the implementation of the 100% dust tea auction initiative.

For ensuring effective implementation of the 100% dust tea auction during the above-mentioned period of extension, the SOP was deliberated upon in the meeting of the Dust Tea Committee held on 09.03.2026. Based on the deliberation, point no.1 and 8 of the SOP are further revised as under:

1. All dust teas having Factory Gate pass date beyond 31st December, 2025 shall come under the purview of mandatory auction as per Gazette Notification No.S.O.854(E) dated 23.02.2024 and Order issued by Tea Board under Ref. No. 6(29)/LC/Auction/Dust Tea/2024/6674 dated 13th January, 2026.
8. As per Paragraph 28(1) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, no manufacturer shall manufacture tea which does not conform to specifications laid down under Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011, as amended from time to time or any other rules for the time being in force. Therefore, the teas failed to adhere to the parameters laid down by FSSAI shall be withdrawn from the auction before the date of sale under intimation to Tea Board by brokers. In cases where banned pesticides are detected, such teas shall be destroyed by Tea Board as per existing practice. For teas failing to meet FSSAI specifications other than due to banned pesticides, the sellers shall be permitted to undertake retesting, based on their request for the same. If the teas pass the retest, they may be allowed for sale through auction. If the teas fail the retest, the sellers shall approach Tea Board for destruction of the contaminated teas, as per the existing practice.

The other provisions of the SOP circulated vide Circular dated 02.05.2025 shall remain unchanged. The above revised provisions, along with the existing SOP, shall be strictly complied with for the implementation of the 100% dust tea auction.

All concerned are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their members for compliance.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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Controller of Licensing (I/c)

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