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CIRCULAR

Sub: Requirement of FSSAI Licence/Registration for Cardamom Dealers
Participating in E Auctions – reg.

All registered cardamom dealers are hereby informed that they are classified as Food Business Operators (FBOs) under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations. This classification applies as dealers engage in activities such as the purchase, storage, and further trade of cardamom.

Accordingly, dealers are required to maintain a valid FSSAI licence at all times, and all legal obligations relating to food safety compliance, hygiene, and proper handling of cardamom shall rest entirely with the dealer.

In light of the above it is instructed that all Cardamom dealers shall comply with the following:

- Mandatory FSSAI Licence :** Each cardamom dealer shall obtain an FSSAI licence under the appropriate category and ensure its validity at all times for conducting any e-auction activity.
- Submission of Licence Copy:** A self-attested copy of the FSSAI licence shall be submitted to Spices Board within **60 days** from the date of issue of this circular.
- Annual Renewal Submission:** Cardamom dealers shall submit a copy of the renewed FSSAI licence every year to Spices Board for record purposes.

It is further informed that the role of the Spices Board is limited to administrative and supervisory functions and does not extend to any operational responsibilities under food safety regulations.

This circular is issued for strict compliance by all dealers participating in cardamom e-auction activities.

Director (MKTG)

To,

All Cardamom Dealers

Copy to : Asst. Director, Puttady/Bodinayakanur