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**Sub:- 2020-21 Andhra Pradesh crop season – Criteria for registration/renewal of registration**  
 as growers of Virginia Tobacco and grant of license for operation of barns in Andhra Pradesh – Reg.

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The Board in its **152<sup>nd</sup> special meeting held on 18.08.2020** fixed a crop size of **115 million kg** for cultivation of Flue Cured Virginia tobacco during 2020-21 crop season in Andhra Pradesh. Basing on this production policy, the Committee for Registration of Growers and Others in its 92<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 18.08.2020 has laid down the criteria for registration/renewal of registration as growers of Virginia tobacco and grant of license for operation of barn in Andhra Pradesh for 2020-21 crop season. The registration criteria along with administrative instructions/ guidelines for grant of registration or renewal of registration as Virginia tobacco growers and barn operators for 2020-21 season are enclosed herewith for initiating the process of registration for 2020-21, as per the schedule given.

**Further all the Auction Superintendents are directed to redistribute the authorised crop pertaining to registered growers who have declared nil plantations in their returns to the registered growers who had actually planted tobacco in 2020-21 and also reallocate the leftover authorised crop to the growers of same region who were registered and issued authorization cards for sale of the tobacco.** Further, all the Auction Superintendents are requested to conduct a meeting of all FAs, FOs and SGO before the commencement of registration for guiding them on salient features of the production policy and the criteria for accord of registration/renewal of registration for 2020-21. **All the Auction Superintendents** shall also ensure that the process of grant of registration/renewal of registration to growers is **transparent at all levels** and should **not give scope for any corruption or criticism from any quarter.**

For raising of saplings for curing of tobacco, advise the growers to approach local Forest Department and obtain saplings on free of cost with the support of pattadhar pass book. Board will meet the transportation charges towards transport of saplings from Forest Department. All Regional Managers and the Auction Superintendents are directed to contact local Forest Officers and also approach Andhra Pradesh Social Forestry Nurseries and request them for arrangement of " 5X9" size saplings of wood bearing saplings / environment sustainable species of different varieties for better survival percentage.

A copy of **notification on Production Policy** of the Board for 2020-21 crop season in Andhra Pradesh is also **enclosed** for displaying it in the notice board and for information of all concerned.

This is for strict compliance of all concerned .

(A.SRIDHAR BABU)

Secretary

Encl: As above

To

All the Regional Managers & Auction Superintendents in Andhra Pradesh

- Copy to :1. P.S. to Chairman / P.A. to E.D / P.A. to Secretary  
 2. All the Managers in Head Office, Tobacco Board, Guntur  
 3. OSD(Vigilance),Head Office, Guntur  
 4. Hindi Section for translation  
 5. Guard File / Internal Audit/ISO Project/Vigilance Squard  
 6. Computer Division- for instructions on Registration, Software usage

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### REGISTRATION/RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO GROWERS AND BARN OPERATORS IN ANDHRA PRADESH FOR 2020-21 CROP SEASON

#### 1. TIME SCHEDULE FOR REGISTRATION/ RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The schedule for registration/renewal of registration of growers of virginia tobacco, licensing of barn operators for 2020-21 crop season in Andhra Pradesh is as follows.

Commencement of Registration/ renewal of registration	09.09.2020 (Wednesday)
Last date for receipt of applications with normal fee	23.10.2020 (Friday)
Last date for receipt of applications with late fee of Rs. 100/-	02.11.2020 (Monday)
Last date for receipt of applications with late fee of Rs. 400/-	10.11.2020 (Tuesday)

- Applications received after last date (10.11.2020) shall be refused for registration/renewal of registration. Hence, all the Auction Superintendents are directed to give wide publicity and advise the growers to apply well before the stipulated date.
- The Auction Superintendent/SGO shall review the progress of registration of growers with concerned Field Assistant and Field Officer a week before the last date of registration with normal registration fees and ensure that all the eligible growers covering their eligible barns apply for registration within the specified period of registration to avoid unnecessary correspondence later and lessen the work load at auction platform level.
- Flexi banners may be displayed at two places i.e., one at the office of Auction Superintendent and another at auction platform about the schedule of registration/renewal of registration.
- Press meet may be organized and publicity may be given about the criteria for registration and schedule for registration/ renewal of registration.
- Growers shall be reminded that the last date of registration as growers is also the last date for payment of Rs.500/- for renewal as member of Growers Welfare Fund.

#### 2. AREA AND QUOTA AUTHORIZED PER BARN IN 2020-21 CROP SEASON AND OTHER GUIDELINES

The soil region wise crop size, area and quantity to be authorized for a licenced barn and the maximum number of barns permitted for grant of licence per individual grower in Andhra Pradesh during 2020-21 crop season considering the crop size of 115 million kg are as follows:

Soil Region	Crop size fixed (m.kgs)	Area to be registered per barn (ha.)	Area to be registered per barn (Acres)	Quota per barn (in Kgs)	Maximum no. of barns per grower	Maximum area per grower (in ha.)
N.L.S.*	40.45	1.30	3.25	2900	4	5.20
S.L.S.	37.91	2.30	5.75	2900	4	9.20
S.B.S.	33.43	1.40	3.50	2900	4	5.60
N.B.S.	3.21	1.00	2.50	2106	4	4.00

\* N.L.S. includes ELS also

- The above quota is fixed taking into consideration the nature's bounty or production increases because of favourable weather conditions.
- **Horizontal expansion of FCV tobacco cultivation is not permitted.** The efforts shall be on increasing the per acre yields (vertical expansion) with focus on quality of the product.
- The area authorised per barn is indicative only. The registered grower is required to reduce the area to be planted per each barn wherever per hectare productivity levels are high on account of high yielding varieties, soil fertility, favourable climatic factors etc., so as to match the ultimate production with the corresponding quota per barn and avoid excess/unauthorized production. In any case, he should not plant tobacco in more extent than allowed.
- As it was done during the last four years, the growers of high productive areas of SLS Region platforms i.e., Kandukur-I & II, Ongole-I and Kondepi auction platforms falling under following villages will be given an authorised area of 1.80 ha. or 4.50 acres per barn as against general authorization of 2.30 ha. per barn authorised in SLS area while the quota authorised remains same as 2,900 Kgs per barn.

**Kandukur-I:** Orugantivaripalem, Z.Mekapadu, Cherukuru, Mullamurivaripalem, Perikapalem, Sunkireddypalem, Thetupeta, Vempadu, Dubagunta, Kovuru, Singarabotlapalem, Oguru, Palukuru, Palukuru Reddypalem, Palukuru Venkannapalem, Pantavaripalem, Unnamvari-palem, B.V.Kostalu, G.V.Kostalu, Kondikandukur, Mahadevapuram, Mupparajuvarikostalu, Vikkiralapeta, Yerraguntapalem.

**Kandukur-II:** Badevaripalem, Kunipalem, Nukavaram, Parakondapadu, Parakondapadu Agraharam, Pokuru, Singamanenipalli, Z.Uppalapadu

**Ongole-I:** Madduluru, Rudravaram, Rudravaram Lakshnipuram, Nippatlapadu, Kakarla, Puttacheruvupalem, Manchikalapadu, Rajupalem Lakshnipuram, Ramachandrapuram

**Kondepi:** Nannurupadu

- The growers may be advised to strive for **increasing productivity by adopting Good Agricultural Practices** for cultivating tobacco within the authorised area to achieve the authorised quota/production rather than by undertaking cultivation in excess area.
- Farmers shall strive for enhancing productivity and quality, while using eco-friendly agro technologies to produce clean tobacco for improving the profit margin.
- Farmers are advised to go for green manuring in a big scale. Crop rotation in tobacco growing areas is to be done to ensure rejuvenation of soil.
- Farmers are advised to take up natural farming (ZBNF) cultivation atleast in one acre of the authorised area for improvement of soil health and thereby enhancing quality of tobacco.

