

## CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION AS GROWERS OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO (Rule 33-A) FOR 2015-16 CROP SEASON IN KARNATAKA

### A. Eligible categories

The criteria for registration or renewal of registration as grower of virginia tobacco for 2015-16 crop season are as follows:

**1. All growers and barns registered with the Board in 2014-15 season will be considered for renewal of registration in 2015-16 season subject to the following conditions:**

- a) The Grower applicant shall possess suitable lands for growing Virginia tobacco on his own or taken on lease.
- b) The Grower applicant shall possess a fit curing facility (barn) on his own or taken on lease (as per the laws of land), registered with Board during 2014-15 season and eligible for registration for the current year.
- c) The Grower applicant shall also possess allied structures for storage and grading of FCV tobacco.
- d) The Grower applicant shall be following crop rotation and good agricultural practices in cultivation of FCV tobacco.
- e) The Grower applicant should not have violated any of the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act, Rules and Regulations and terms and conditions of certification of registration or license or directions issued and stipulations laid down by the Board during previous crop seasons.

**2. No new growers will be permitted to take up FCV tobacco cultivation and no new areas will be allowed for FCV tobacco cultivation.**

**3. The following new grower applicants, though they are not registered during 2014-15 season may be considered for grant of Registration for 2015-16 season on the basis of barns which are registered/licensed in 2014-15 subject to submission of valid legal documents– Partition deed/Sale deed/Gift deed as is applicable.**

- a) New owners of the licensed barns who acquired ownership on account of partition/ transfer of joint family property,
- b) Legal heirs of deceased registered growers who got the registered barn transferred on to their names
- c) New growers who acquired ownership of a eligible licensed barn by purchase / gift
- d) Lessee growers applying with a support of licensed barn taken on lease subject to local laws.
- e) Owners of registered fit barns leased out during 2014-15 or earlier and want to get registered as grower of tobacco on his name this year.

### B. Eligible pending categories:

The following categories of grower applicants **who fulfill the criteria as at SI No.1 of A may be considered** for accord of registration or renewal of registration subject to their becoming eligible after rectification of defects (clearance of dues/repairing the barns/settlement of dues/payment of penalties/ submission of requisite documents as the case may be) with in stipulated time.

- a) Growers/Barns(fit)/Barn owners having **outstanding dues** in respect of input loans, other loans arranged by Tobacco Board during 2014-15 season or in the past three years block period.

- b) The grower applicants applied with support of barn licensed in 2014-15 season and unfit during enumeration of barns in 2015-16.
- c) The grower applicants applied with support of fit barn which are involved in ownership disputes during 2014-15 or in the past 3 years block period.
- d) Grower applicants who have to pay penalties stipulated under various categories like saline tobacco production, vigilance cases, break-in-registration, not sold cases and other categories wherever penalties are applicable as per policy in the past 3 years block period and applied with support of fit barn.
- e) Grower applicants (applied with support of eligible barn) who have not submitted the requisite documents for transfer of registration.
- f) Grower applicants having a **fit** barn and having break-in-registration for 3 years or less than 3 years (i.e., 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15) and became eligible for registration after rectification of defects/fulfilling the criteria like payment of outstanding loans etc., as above.
- g) **The registered growers owning an unauthorized barn on his own or on the name of his family members' who are willing to dysfunction the unauthorized barn and submit an affidavit stating that the barn will not be renovated again in future or propose to shift a licenced as against unauthorised barn held by him/them..**

**The Committee stipulated that all above categories of applicants shall fulfill the criteria for considering their registrations for 2015-16 crop season on or before 31.07.2015.**

### **C. Ineligible Categories**

The following categories of grower applicants **are not eligible for according registration** or renewal of registration.

- a) Grower applicants applied **without** support of licensed curing facility (barns).
- b) Grower applicants applied with support of collapsed barns or unfit barns (which became unfit before 2014-15).
- c) Grower applicants applied with support of unauthorized barns / barns ineligible for registration as per the criteria fixed for licencing operation of barn.
- d) Grower applicants seeking licence for construction of new barns.
- e) Grower applicants making applications for cultivation of tobacco in the known saline lands/ irrigated wet lands (paddy lands)/low lying lands/New areas/Forest areas or Agency areas.
- f) **Grower applicants who are registered growers in 2014-15 crop season and submitted Form-II & III returns in proof of cultivation and curing of tobacco but not sold tobacco on the auction platforms. Barns owned by such growers also shall not be considered for registration if taken on lease or purchased by other growers.**
- g) **Grower applicants who are registered growers in 2014-15 crop season but have sold 50% of the quota or less continuously for two years. (i.e., in 2013-14 and 2014-15) as against the full quota produced by them as declared in Form-III returns.**
- h) The grower applicants who filed their applications for registration/renewal of registration after stipulated last date.
- i) Grower applicants who obtained registration in earlier years by submitting false information.
- j) Growers indulged in activities which are in violation of Tobacco Board Act, Rules & Regulations and in unlawful activities/malpractices at the auction platforms such as misbehavior, obstructing Board Staff in discharge of their duties, obstruction of auction proceedings, nesting of tobacco etc.
- k) Grower applicants who have break-in-registration for more than 3 years (i.e., 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15).

- l) Grower applicants whose bales are rejected for sale during last season for containing NTRMs above permissible levels.
- m) The growers who sold saline tobacco in excess of 20% of total quantity sold during the past two years.
- n) Grower applicants who are hiring child labour for cultivation operations.
- o) **Growers whose tobaccos contain pesticide residues beyond the Guidance Residue Levels (GRLs) fixed by CORESTA. (from 2015-16 onwards)**