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**Circular**

Subject: Amendment of Rule 44 of Pan India Auction Rules regarding Divisibility of lot

Reference has been invited to Board's letter Ref. No.6(29)/LC/Bharat Auction/2021 dated 06.10.2023, wherein certain changes including divisibility of lots to be followed at the auction centres of North India, i.e., Kolkata, Guwahati and Silguri were notified. Subsequently, Board received representations from the industry proposing to further amend the Rule 44 of Pan India Auction Rules, i.e., Divisibility of lot for CTC Tea as under:

- Upto 30 packages-1 buyer
- Anything between 31-40- 2 buyers
- Anything between 41 & more-3 buyers

Tea Board sought feedback from all concerned industry associations in the matter, including producer associations, buyer/trader associations. Upon examining the insights received from the industry along with the relevant data for last three calendar years, the divisibility norms (Rule 44) pertaining to CTC tea are amended as under:

Existing Rule 44	Amended Rule 44
Upto 20 packages – no division	Upto 30 packages – no division
21 to 40 packages- 2 buyers	31 to 40 packages- 2 buyers
Above 40 packages - 3 buyers	Above 40 packages - 3 buyers

However, the minimum lot size (Rule 34 of Pan India Auction Rules) as stipulated in the letter referred above shall continue without any change, i.e. minimum lot size of 20 packages.

The amendment is aimed to provide flexibility to the sellers in packing their teas, allowing all buyers to participate in the auctions, irrespective of the quantity purchased by them.

The revision of Rule 44, as mentioned above shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 at all three auction centres of North India.

The content of this circular may please be brought to the knowledge of all concerned for information and necessary action.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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