

Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority

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To,

As per list enclosed.

Sub: Revised norms for accreditation of warehouses.

Ref: F. No. 2-1/2011-WDRA dated: 03.01.2013 (Minutes of 12th meeting of Authority held on 20.12.2012.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer norms for accreditation of warehouses fixed by the Authority. WDRA has received a total 485 applications for registration so far, out of which 329 applications have been given accreditation and out of which 298 applications have been given registration.

Authority has made efforts in all directions for getting maximum number of applications for registration, but due to many constraints, it was not possible to increase the number of applications and number of registered warehouses, because these warehouses are not meeting standards/norms fixed by WDRA in its check list, as per the powers under Section 4(3) & (4). Since, these norms are very stringent and existing infrastructure and facilities available in the most of the warehouses in India are not able to meet the criteria/norm fixed by WDRA and hence the same may be revised, so that many other warehouses may also get opportunity for applying for registration of their warehouses. This will be in the interest of the country about warehousing activity and safe storage and value addition of foodgrains and specially for the benefit of farmers, as they will get good remuneration of their produce, which is possible only if negotiable warehouse receipt facility is available in all the warehouses in India, besides issue of ordinary warehouse receipt also for different purposes.

In view of above, Authority of WDRA has taken decision to revise accreditation

norms/standards for accreditation/registration of warehouses under the WDR Act, 2007 and accreditation agencies shall follow these revised norms as follows:-

A. BIS standards would be accepted by the Authority. However, the accreditation agency will have some discretion in relaxing the structural requirement without compromising the overall storage worthiness of the warehouse.

B (i). Manpower requirement: The proposed minimum manpower requirement were approved by the Authority with suggestions that in case pest control and security services are out sourced, the manpower requirement may be adjusted accordingly. The revised **manpower requirement are as follows:**

Storage Capacity of Warehouse (in MTs)	Upto 5000	5001-10,000	10001-25000	Above 25000
Warehouse Head/QC person	1	1	1	1
QC Inspector (Technical Asst.)	-	1	1	2
Warehouse Asst.	1	1	3	4
Security Guards	3	3	4	6

B (ii). Arrangement with third party for scientific treatment: If the warehouse does not have its own arrangement for pest control activity for scientific treatment, assaying of stocks and other activities such as security arrangements etc., then Authority will allow third party agreement with service providers and a copy of such agreements may be obtained by accreditation agency for submission to WDRA.

B (iii). In case pest control and security services are out sourced, the manpower requirement may be adjusted accordingly.

C. Laboratory and testing equipment: The separate laboratory space/room would not be mandatory for accreditation of warehouses and if the minimum laboratory equipment as per the list given below are available in the warehouse, these may suffice for accreditation purposes:

Sl. No	Name of the Equipment	Minimum number required
(A)	FIXTURES/FURNITURE IN PHYSICAL ANALYSIS LABORATORY*.	
(B)	EQUIPMENT	
1.	Physical balance	1
2.	Moisture meter calibrated for all the commodities to be stored/ handled	1
3.	Sieve Set	1
4.	Enamel plates with clean white surface	2
5.	Sample bags-polythene and cloth	As per requirement
6.	Parkhi (Bag trier)	2
7.	Sample bags	As per requirement
8.	Sample seal	1
9.	Magnifying glass	1
(C)	DISINFECTION	
1.	Rat cages	As per requirement
2.	Foot sprayer	2
3.	Sand snakes	As per requirement
4.	Hand gloves (pairs)	As per requirement
(D)	OTHER ITEMS / EQUIPMENT	
1.	Tarpaulin	2
2.	Ladder	1
3.	First Aid box	1

4.	Fire extinguishers	As prescribed
5.	Fire buckets	As prescribed
6.	Platform Scales	As per need
(E)	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	
1.	Gum boots, goggles, aprons etc.	As per need
(F)	DUNNAGE MATERIALS	
1.	Polythene film#	As per need
2.	Bamboo mats / patera mats#	As per need
3.	Wooden crates/poly crates #	As per need
(G)	Fumigation covers	
1.	Thermoplastic fumigation covers (IS No. 13217:1991) or	As per requirement
2.	Multilayered cross laminated sheets and tarpaulins/covers (IS 14611:1998)	As per requirement

The Authority has also taken a conscious decision to delete the following list of equipment prescribed in the WDRA Manual :-

Sl. No	Name of the Equipment	Minimum number required
(A)	FIXTURES/FURNITURE IN PHYSICAL ANALYSIS LABORATORY*.	
1.	Analysis table (with drawers)	2
2.	Balance table (with drawers)	2
3.	Almirah (for keeping of samples)	2
4.	Glass slabs / polished stone e.g. granite slabs	2
5.	Laboratory rack (Size 3'X 6' with 6 slabs), 4 Stools, 5 Chairs and Balance table	As per requirement
(B)	EQUIPMENT	
1.	Sample tags	100
2.	Sealing wax	1 Packet
3.	Calculator	1
4.	Hygrometer	1
5.	Max. Min. Thermometer	1
6.	Petri dishes	12
7.	Measuring cylinders: 10 ml, 20 ml, 50 ml, 100 ml	3 each
8.	Slotted tube bag trier, stainless steel	1
9.	Borner sample divider (brass or stainless steel)	1
10.	Aluminum Phosphide applicator	1
11.	Measuring tape	1
12.	Verniercalipers	2
(C)	DISINFECTION	
1.	Power sprayer	As per requirement
2.	Air Gun / Bird Scarer	2
(D)	OTHER ITEMS / EQUIPMENT	
1.	Sample Sieves (for screening)	2
2.	Platform Scales 300 kgs, 500kgs, 1000kgs, 3000 kgs	
(E)	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	
1.	Phosphine gas detection strips	
2.	Dragger type multi gas detector tubes	
3.	Phosphine alert personal monitor	
4.	Fire extinguisher (chemical type)#	
5.	Specimen tubes	24
(F)	GAS MASK & CANISTER	
1.	Gash mask (face piece, breathing tube, canister)	2 each
2.	Canister	2
3.	Halide detector	1

D. Fire fighting equipment such as fire buckets and extinguishers: The requirement of fire buckets and fire extinguishers as mentioned above should be strictly adhered to. However, if the warehouse is equipped with some modern fire fighting system such as fire hydrant system, smoke detectors and automatic water sprinkler system and fire alarms, sufficient to meet any fire exigencies, then the fire buckets and fire extinguishers as mentioned in the warehouse manual may not be insisted upon after verifying such system in working condition.

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