**Definition**

- Specific land area for the benefits of the visitors to gain knowledge & experience of the various indigenous spices that are grown in Sri Lanka.

- Where various indigenous spices are grown for the benefits of the visitors to gain knowledge & experience and kept for the visitors to get the knowledge, experiences and purchase is defined as a spice garden.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF A SPICE GARDEN AND SHOP**

**01. Spice Garden**

1.1. *The extent of a Spice Garden should be minimum of one (01) acre with diverse species of spices/herbal trees/plants minimum of 70% of the total. Adequate (specify the nos. in the mark sheet/) spices/herbal trees/plants.*

1.2. The spice garden shall be landscaped, cleaned and well maintained.

1.3. All trees must be marked and, labeled preferably with botanical names.

1.4. The garden should have sufficient information material to get the knowledge about the herbal plants and the trees

At least two trained members of the staff knowledgeable on this field and fluent in English and/or other foreign language.

**02. Shop/Sale Centre**

2.1. The Spice Garden may have a sales centre/shop for sales of spices/herbal products.

2.2. In the event of having the shop

2.3. *The shop should have adequate stocks of spices and spice/herbal products. Ayurvedic products on sale should be certified by Department of Ayurvedic*

2.4. The decor of the outlet/shop should be attractive and blend with the theme.

2.5. The space of the shop should be adequate and well ventilated.

2.6. All products must be neatly arranged and attractively displayed on racks.
2.7 *If herbal medicines or other herbal products, ointments, etc. are sold the products must be produced by a manufacture registered and approved by relevant authority. The approved authority and the registration number should be prominently printed on the label.

2.8 *All products should be price marked and guaranteed for quality and authenticity

2.9 Adequate seating facilities must be provided inside or adjoining the shop.

2.10 Suggested to have facilities to serve refreshments and /or snacks.

2.11 *The shop should not stock, display and sell any articles prohibited by the law.

2.12 In the event of providing Ayurvedic sample products promotion proper certification from the Department of Ayurveda should be taken and displayed.

3. General

3.1 *To except foreign currency proper permit need to obtain from central bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

3.2 *All major foreign currency exchange rates should be prominently displayed.

3.3 *Fire safety and protection equipment should be available and neatly fixed.

3.4 *Adequate facilities of parking of vehicles should be available.

3.5 *First aid facilities should be available with at least one staff of trained.

3.6 *All staff should be in uniformed attire.

3.7 The Manager and the staff should have a good knowledge of the product/s on sales.

3.8 *Adequate staff changing rooms and toilets facilities must be available.

3.9 *Separate visitor’s casual toilets in good condition must be available for Gents and Ladies with appropriate signage.

3.10 suggested to provide separate toilets for staff and drivers

3.11 The establishment practicing innovation, sustainability initiatives, poverty elevation and community benefited programs be given due recognition.

3.12 In the event of having a restaurant, should obtain a separate license for it’s operation.

Note:

- If any treatments are done with Ayurvedic products the treatment centre must be registered with the Department of Ayurveda. Registered Ayurvedic practitioner and qualified staff must be present for treatments.

- All statements marked with star * are mandatory requirements
REGULATORY REQUIREMENT

Under the section 48 (4) of Tourism Act No 38 of 2005 all Tourist services shall be registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. It shall be an offence to provide any tourist services which has not been registered of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. According to the section 48 (10) and section 63 (2) of the said Act any enterprise or tourist service with no proper registration and license will become a punishable offence.

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