Council of Ministers Regulations No. 126/2006
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATIONS ON EXPORT PRIZE AWARDS

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2. Definitions
In these regulations unless the context requires otherwise:

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2) "Exporter" means a person that supply Ethiopian export products to overseas markets;

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3. Objective of Awarding Export Prizes

The objective of awarding export prizes shall be to acknowledge the efforts and achievements scored by persons involved in the export sector and thereby create result oriented competitive environment to ensure further improvements in the export sector performance.

4. Establishment of Export Prizes

1) The following export prizes are hereby instituted:
   a) Excellent Export Performance Prize;
   b) New Export Product Prize;
   c) Export Product Buyers Prize;
   d) Export Product Input Suppliers Prize; and
   e) Export Support Prize.

2) The types and substances of the prizes referred to in sub-article (1) of this Article shall be specified by directives to be issued by the Ministry.

5. Eligibility for Export Prize Awards

1) Excellent Export Performance Prizes shall be awarded to best performing exporters in any export sector.

2) New Export Product Prizes shall be awarded to best performing exporters exporting new export products.

3) Export Product Buyers Prizes shall be awarded to best performing Ethiopian export product buyers or their agents.

4) Export Product Input Suppliers Prizes shall be awarded to best performing input suppliers.

5) Export Support Prizes shall be awarded to best performing governmental and private organizations in providing support to the business community engaged in the export sector.

6) The specific selection criteria for export prize award winners pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be prescribed by directives to be issued by the Ministry.

6) Selection Committee

A committee, composed of representatives of relevant governmental and private sector organizations, shall be established in accordance with directives of the Ministry to select export prize award winners.

7) Awarding Export Prizes

Export prizes shall be awarded during annual celebrations of export days.
Privileges due to Awardees of export prizes shall, as determined by directives of the Ministry, be entitled to:

1) preference to get service under equipment lease or financial lease schemes;
2) cost sharing support in efforts to meet international standards and thereby get accreditations;
3) access to Exporters Credit Guarantee Scheme for agricultural products not already included in the scheme;
4) cost sharing support to participate at international exhibitions;
5) financial support to cover space rentals to participate at national exhibitions;
6) promote their organizations and products through the magazines, brochures, newsletters and website of the Ministry;
7) preference to participate in trainings offered by public institutions;
8) be registered in the honorary register kept by the Prime Minister’s Office;
9) publicity of their prize awards through the media;
10) preference to participate in inward and outward trade missions;
11) seats reserved for guests with VIP status at places where public ceremonies and government receptions are held;
12) VIP status while travel departures from and arrivals to Ethiopia.

9. Budget for Export Prize Awards

The financial costs of awarding export prizes shall be covered by government budgetary appropriations and sponsorship funds.

10. Power to Issue Directives

The Ministry may issue directives necessary for the proper implementation of these Regulations.

11. Effective Date

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa this 18th day of August, 2006

MELES ZENAWI

PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA