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CIRCULAR to Certified Clients/Operators

Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

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Subject: Notification on amendment -Annex 3 (17) _NPOP 8th Edition.

Dear Valued Clients,

This is to inform you that APEDA has issued an important notification regarding the amendment of Annex 3(17) under Chapter 3 of the NPOP 8th Edition. The notification, **No. APEDA-ORG/11/2025-26 dated 18th May 2026**, is effective immediately from 18th May 2026.

The amendment specifically pertains to **“Food Additives Including Carriers for Use in Production of Processed Organic Food.”**

The revised Annex 3(17) includes updates related to the following key areas:

- Permitted applications and product categories for certain additives.
- Inclusion of additional conditions such as **“Only from organic production”**.
- Clarification of usage conditions and restrictions.
- Addition, removal, or modification of specific applications for certain additives.

All certified operators involved in processing, handling, trading, or manufacturing of organic processed products are required to take the following actions:

1. Review the amended Annex 3(17) carefully.
2. Ensure compliance with the revised requirements with immediate effect.
3. Update all related documentation, including formulations, specifications, processing aids, ingredient approvals, and records, wherever applicable.
4. Discontinue the use of any obsolete references or conditions from previous versions.

Please find the amended annex attached with the changes. The link to the official APEDA notification is also provided for your reference: <https://npop.apeda.gov.in/announcement>.

For any clarification or support, please contact us.

Kind regards,
For Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products
Export Development Authority**
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

APEDA-ORG/11/2025-26
Dated 18th May 2026

NOTIFICATION

Amendment of Annex 3 (17) of the NPOP 8th Edition

This is to notify that the Annexure 3(17) of Chapter 3 of the NPOP 8th Edition has been amended.

The amended Annexure 3(17) is enclosed. The same shall come into effect from 18th May 2026.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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18.05.2026

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ANNEX 3 (17)

**Food Additives Including Carriers for Use in Production of Processed
Organic Food**

S. No.	International Numbering System	Product	Organic food products to which it may be added	Conditions for use
1.	INS170	Calcium carbonate	Products of plant and animal origin	Not for use for colouring /calcium enrichment of products
2.	INS220	Sulphur dioxide	fruit wines (wine made from fruits other than grapes, including cider and perry) and mead with and without added sugar	100 mg/l (maximum levels available from all sources, expressed as SO ₂ in mg/l)
3.	INS270	Lactic acid	Products of plant and animal origin	
4.	INS296	Malic acid	Products of plant origin	
5.	INS290	Carbon dioxide	Products of plant and animal origin	
6.	INS300	Ascorbic acid	products of plant origin meat products	
7.	INS306	Tocopheroles, mixed, Natural concentrates	Products of plant and animal origin	Antioxidant
8.	INS322	Lecithins	products of plant origin milk products	Only from organic production
9.	INS325	Sodium lactate	products of plant origin milk-based and meat products	
10.	INS330	Citric acid	Products of plant and animal origin	
11.	INS331	Sodium citrate	Products of plant and animal origin	

S. No.	International Numbering System	Product	Organic food products to which it may be added	Conditions for use
12.	INS333	Calcium citrate	Products of plant origin	
13.	INS334	Tartaric acid	Products of plant origin mead	
14.	INS335	Sodium tartarate	Products of plant origin	
15.	INS336	Potassium tartrate	Products of plant origin	
16.	INS341	Monocalcium Phosphate	self-raising flour	raising agent
17.	INS400	Alginic acid	products of plant origin milk products	
18.	INS401	Sodium alginate	Products of plant origin milk products sausages based on meat	
19.	INS402	Potassium alginate	Products of plant origin milk-based products	
20.	INS406	Agar	Products of plant origin milk – based products and meat products	
21.	INS407	Carrageenan	Products of plant origin milk -based products	
22.	INS410	Locust bean gum	Products of plant and animal origin	only from organic production
23.	INS412	Guar gum	Products of plant and animal origin	only from organic production
24.	INS414	Arabic gum	Products of plant and animal origin	only from organic production
25.	INS415	Xanthum gum	Products of plant and animal origin	
26.	INS422	Glycerol	plant extracts flavourings	only from plant origin solvent and carrier in plant extracts and flavourings humectant in gel capsules surface coating of tablets only from organic production

S. No.	International Numbering System	Product	Organic food products to which it may be added	Conditions for use
27.	INS440	Pectin	Products of plant origin milk-based products	
28.	INS464	Hydroxy propyl methyl Cellulase	Products of plant and animal origin	encapsulation Material for capsules
29.	INS500	Sodium carbonate	Products of plant and animal origin	
30.	INS501	Potassium carbonate	Products of plant origin	
31.	INS503	Ammonium carbonate	Products of plant origin	
32.	INS504	Magnesium carbonate	Products of plant origin	
33.	INS509	Calcium chloride	Milk-based products	coagulation agent
34.	INS516	Calcium sulphate	Products of plant origin	carrier
35.	INS524	Sodium hydroxide	Bread products flavourings	Surface treatment acidity regulator
36.	INS551	Silicon dioxide	herbs and spices in dried powdered form, flavourings propolis	
37.	INS553	Talc	sausages based on meat	surface treatment
38.	INS938	Argon	Products of plant and animal origin	
39.	INS939	Helium	Products of plant and animal origin	
40.	INS941	Nitrogen	Products of plant and animal origin	
41.	INS948	Oxygen	Products of plant and animal origin	
42.	INS 160b(i)	Annatto bixin	Cheese	

S. No.	International Numbering System	Product	Organic food products to which it may be added	Conditions for use
43.	INS 160b(ii)	Annatto norbixin	Cheese	
44.	INS 301	Sodium ascorbate	meat products	May only be used in connection with nitrates and nitrites
45.	INS 417	Tara gum	Products of plant and animal origin	Thickener Only from organic production
46.	INS 418	Gellan gum	Products of plant and animal origin	High- acyl form only from organic production
47.	INS 460	Cellulose	gelatine	
48.	INS 901	Beeswax	confectionery	glazing agent Only from organic production
49.	INS 903	Carnauba wax	confectionery citrus fruit	glazing agent only from organic production
50.	INS 968	Erythritol	Products of plant and animal origin	Only from organic production without using ion exchange technology

The List is dynamic in nature and may be reviewed whenever any changes in Appendix A of Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011, as amended (“FSSR”), or any organic regulations of importing countries.