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CIRCULAR TO GROWER GROUPS REGARDING CERTIFIED FARMERS

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Dear Esteemed Operator,

As you are aware, the mandatory farmer verification exercise was initiated in November 2025 to meet APEDA's requirements for the new Tracenet system. While ADITI appointed part-time employees to assist with this exercise—considering the significant scale of verifying a vast number of farmers across 23 states—we recognize the immense logistical challenges this has posed to all parties involved.

However, we must inform you that APEDA has identified serious lapses in the verification process. These discrepancies include:

- Photographs: Submission of a photograph of a photograph rather than an original image.
- Documentation: Irregularities indicating fabricated or forced documents, illegible copies, or partial/incomplete images.
- Data Integrity: Mismatches in farmer names, father's names, or document types, and inconsistencies between photographs and supporting records.

Due to these lapses, APEDA has imposed a penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- on the Certification Body (CB). It is imperative to understand that such errors, regardless of their cause, are being treated with the utmost seriousness by the authorities. While we acknowledge that the strict timelines set by the APEDA software developers for the new Tracenet system contributed to these errors, the requirement for absolute accuracy remains non-negotiable.

This verification is a one-time requirement to renew the Scope Certificate in the new Tracenet system. There is no margin for error that could be flagged by stakeholders. Substantial time, money, and effort have already been invested by both the Operators and the CB; to protect this investment, the final data submission must be flawless.

Accordingly, ADITI hereby directs all certified grower groups to:

1. Thoroughly re-verify the data of all certified farmers under your respective ICS before forwarding any renewal application.
2. Take immediate corrective action if any discrepancy is identified. You must discontinue procurement from such farmer(s) and remove them from the certified list prior to submission and then forward the renewal application.
3. Maintain documented records of the Approval Committee's review and decision regarding this re-verification exercise.

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This directive must be treated with the highest priority. The Certification Body will also verify farmer data during upcoming inspections. Any discrepancies observed may result in certification actions, including suspension, in accordance with NPOP requirements.

We solicit your full cooperation in ensuring the 100% accuracy, authenticity, and integrity of farmer data.

Kind regards,

For Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

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