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Ref. No. ADITI/HO/2021/Circular 010/NOP

Dear valued clients,

## Subject: NOP, USDA certification

We trust you, your family, and all at your firm are taking all measures to remain healthy and safe at these challenging times.

With your continued support and cooperation, we can set up the required infrastructure and developed software to work from home without many challenges. ADITI team is fully trained to work from home and attend to their day-to-day activities with least difficulties now. Our team is taking extra efforts to ensure smooth trade of certified organic products; we continued issuance of Provisional Transaction Certificate (PTC)/Transaction Certificate (TC) as per the procedure on **TraceNet** system. We are extra careful while processing applications and asked for additional clarifications from you before the issuance of PTC/TC at this time of the year so that organic integrity maintenance at every stage of product handling with sufficient proof/evidence is ensured. Such documents/records' importance we realized in case any quality issue arises at the buyer's end to investigate and answer the concerns. ADITI made adequate arrangements to ensure that PTC/TC issuance should not get affected at the same time safety and health of its officials be taken care of.

Further to our last circular on the subject, we are pleased to announce that we are collaborating with MAYACERT, Guatemala, to continue our certification services as per NOP, USDA Standards. With this partnership, we are also able to offer you organic certification according to Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) and GlobalGAP certification. Let's remember this day as the future holds many special announcements to serve you better.

Please find attached the information sheet, which we received from USDA for your kind reference. The document summarizes key dates in the US-India organic trade arrangement transition. During this transition period, we request you to apply for direct certification from Mayacert, one of the USDAaccredited certifiers. Those who are already certified by Aditi for NOP certification need to complete the registration formalities with Mayacert latest by July 12, 2021, to maintain access to the US market. We kindly request you to complete the attached Certification Request form (attached) and send us at your earliest. We will send you the cost estimation (based on the attached fee structure) before you conclude the certification contract with Mayacert. Your firm will be registered on the USDA Integrity database as soon as we complete these formalities. Please note that there will be a combined external inspection to cover NPOP, NOP, USDA, COS/COR certification requirements to reduce the cost for different certifications. Inspections as per BioSuisse Standards also will be done at the same time. Aditi/Mayacert authorized inspector/s will carry out the annual follow-up/preliminary inspection once we review/approve the updated version of the Organic Management Plan/Organic System Plan. Hence, we request you to be prepared to submit the required documents these days. We schedule a physical inspection of the concerned units as soon as all the concerned parties feel safe to travel amid the No. 38, 1st Floor, 20th Main Road, First Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010 India pandemic.

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As always, we look forward to receiving your kind support at this stage and assure our best services with this association with MAYACERT.

Thanks to each one of you in advance.

For, Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

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