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Subject: Important Update from APEDA - ICS Office of a Grower Group

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Dear Valued Clients,

We hope this message finds you well. Following our previous correspondence dated 11th January 2024, we are writing to provide you with an update regarding the recent Advisory from the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) issued on April 12, 2024.

Grower Group and ICS Office Requirements:

Geographical Proximity: Farms of grower group members should be in close geographical proximity. Internal Control System (ICS): Each grower group must establish an Internal Control System (ICS) with sufficient qualified and skilled personnel.

Adherence to NPOP: The ICS must verify and ensure adherence to the requirements of organic certification as per the National Program for Organic Production (NPOP) by the grower group.

Location of ICS Office: The ICS office must be situated at the project location.

Documentation: All ICS documents, including the ICS Manual, farmer details, internal inspection records, training records, and purchase/procurement details, must be available at the ICS office.

Verification Process: Photographic validation of the ICS office location, along with geo-coordinates, must be submitted to Aditi's head office by May 04, 2024.

Non-Compliance: Stringent action will be taken against non-compliant operators.

We kindly request your full cooperation in ensuring alignment with the requirements outlined in the APEDA Advisory within the specified timeframe.

We sincerely appreciate your continued patronage, and we are committed to working alongside you as the organic certification process transitions to the new Tracenet System.

Should you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With Kind regards,

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