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CIRCULAR

Subject: IMPORTANT: APEDA Circular on Farmer Verification – Revised Deadline & Compliance Requirements

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Dear Esteemed Operators,

We are writing to communicate an important and urgent update received from APEDA regarding the farmer verification process for the Tracenet system.

The deadline for completing the farmer verification process has been officially extended from the initial date of May 3, 2026 to **July 3, 2026**. APEDA circular is attached.

Please note the following two critical and mandatory requirements to ensure continuity of your certification and trade activities:

- 1. Final Deadline and System Lockout:** After the extended deadline of July 3, 2026, the Tracenet system will not permit any operations for unverified farmers. This prohibition includes yield updation and sourcing from their lots.
- 2. Mandatory Mid-Term Requirement for Grower Groups:**
 - Grower groups that have completed less than 20% farmer verification must achieve at least 50% verification by June 3, 2026.
 - Failure to meet this 50% threshold will result in the suspension of Transaction Certificate (TC) issuance for the affected groups, effective June 4, 2026. TC issuance will remain suspended until 100% verification is fully completed before the final deadline of July 3, 2026.

We urge you to prioritize these verification requirements immediately to comply with APEDA's mandate and avoid any disruption in your certification process.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Thank you and Regards,
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Subject: Extension of timeline for completion of the farmer verification process

This is in reference to the verification of the farmers of the Grower Groups certified under NPOP. The provision was made live on 03.11.2025 wherein certification Bodies were required to carry out 100% farmer verification of the farmers of the Grower Group under their certification within 3 months' time. Further, an extension of 3 months was provided on request by stakeholders till 03.05.2026.

Before the expiry of the deadline, requests have been received from Stakeholders for extending the timeline for completion of the farmer verification process to account for difficulties due to network issues, updation of grower group farmer records, temporary migration of farmers etc.

The representations and requests were examined and it has been decided to extend the deadline for completion of the farmer verification process up to 03.07.2026.

After expiry of the above deadline, Tracenet system shall not allow any kind of operation for the unverified farmers, including yield updation, sourcing from their lots etc.

In addition to the above, for the grower groups where less than 20% farmer verification has been achieved till date, it shall be ensured by those groups that they complete atleast 50% farmer verification by 03.06.2026. In case of default of this condition, issuance of Transaction Certificates for such groups shall be stopped w.e.f 04.06.2026, till they achieve 100% farmer verification of their group before the deadline of 03.07.2026.

Further, the progress at CB level is also being regularly reviewed and appropriate action on CBs with slow/ unsatisfactory progress shall be taken, as per the NPOP Regulations.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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