

Bengaluru
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CIRCULAR



Subject: FINAL NOTICE – Mandatory Initiation and Completion of 100% Farmer Verification for Continuation of Third-Party Certification under NPOP

Ref No.: **ADITI/HO/2026/Circular/004**

Dear Certified Operator,

Greetings from Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

This communication is issued in continuation of our earlier circulars:

- **ADITI/HO/2025/Circular/014 dated 03/11/2025**
- **ADITI/HO/2025/Circular/016 dated 18/12/2025**
- **ADITI/HO/2025/Circular/017 dated 29/12/2025**
- **ADITI/HO/2026/Circular/001 dated 08/01/2026**
- **ADITI/HO/2026/Circular/003 dated 11/02/2026**

regarding the **mandatory initiation and completion of 100% farmer verification** under the NPOP third-party certification framework.

Despite repeated reminders, it has been observed that certain grower groups/operators have **not initiated the farmer verification process**.

Please note that:

- 100% farmer verification is a **regulatory requirement under NPOP guidelines**.
- Non-compliance exposes both the Operator and the Certification Body **to regulatory action, including penalties and suspension directives from APEDA**.
- As a Certification Body, we are obligated to strictly comply with regulatory directions and cannot assume liability for non-compliance by Operators.

Final Compliance Deadline

You are hereby instructed to:

- **Initiate the farmer verification process on or before Monday, 23/02/2026, and**
- **Ensure 100% completion within the timeframe prescribed by APEDA/NPOP.**

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to comply within the stipulated timeline will result in immediate regulatory action without further notice, which may include:

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- Suspension of certification activities
- Termination of certification contract
- Withholding of Transaction Certificates
- Initiation of NOC-Out process, subject to completion of mandatory verification requirements

Please be informed that **no additional extension will be granted**, as any delay may result in penalties and adverse action from the regulatory authority.

Further, Operators opting for **NOC-Out** must first ensure completion of mandatory farmer verification requirements as per regulatory norms before issuance of NOC.

We strongly urge you to treat this matter with **highest priority and urgency** to ensure uninterrupted validity of your certification.

We value our professional association and expect your immediate action to maintain regulatory compliance.

With regards,

For Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd.

For ADITI ORGANIC CERTIFICATIONS PVT. LTD.

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