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**Advisory on mandatory disclosure of Certified Operators' details under the National
Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), 8th Edition**

Dear Certification Bodies,

As you are aware, the Eighth Edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) was notified by DGFT vide notification No. 39/2024-25 dated 05.01.2025 with a transition period of 180 days.

As the transition period is over, the NPOP 8th Edition has come into force vide the aforementioned notification.

In view of the same, all Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP and all operators certified under NPOP are now required to comply with the provisions prescribed under the 8th Edition of the NPOP Regulations.

In this regard, the requirement pertaining to mandatory disclosure of operator details is reproduced below:

4.2.19 Public Information

(i) The Certification Bodies shall actively inform the public of the scope of its certification and its accreditation status.

(ii) The Certification Bodies shall ensure disclosure of the following:

A. Standards and a general description of the Certification Bodies;

B. Updated list of its certified Operators and details of farmers under the Grower Group, including,

- a. Name of farmer(s) in full, with father's/ husband's name,*
- b. Addresses with pin code (location),*
- c. Crop grown and/or product details, as applicable,*
- d. Farm location,*
- e. Details of farm holding(s),*
- f. Organic status,*

g. Other details and information as may be specified from time to time. etc.

C. Such information shall be updated from time to time at regular intervals and shall be made available in public domain and published on respective Certification Body's website and with respect to the Grower Groups also at their ICS office. The information should be

readily accessible to the concerned stakeholders, Government (Central/State) Agencies for their schemes related to organic production and for verification purposes etc.

(iii) APEDA-NPOP Secretariat may seek such information from time to time based on regulatory requirements for ensuring transparency and credibility of the organic certification system."

In view of the above, all Certification Bodies are required to update the operator details of their certified operators along with Grower Group farmers on their website as per the attached format.

Failure to comply with the above stated provisions pertaining to public disclosure will attract penalties as specified in the Sanction Catalogue.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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