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**Advisory on timely issuance of Transaction Certificates 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.

As per Regulation 4.4.4.2 (iv) of NPOP, 8th Edition, the Certification Body shall not delay issuance of the Transaction Certificate (TC). The detailed provision in this regard is given below:

“4.4.4.2 Transaction Certificate (iv.) The Certification Body shall not delay issuance of the transaction certificate after receipt of all documents and verifying that they are in order and issue the same as per the following timelines:

- a. TC from grower group/ individual producer to trader/processor: within 5 working days
- b. TC between processor/trader & processor/trader/retailer (domestic transactions): within 3 working days
- c. Export TC: within 7 working days.

(v). Above timelines are subject to submission of complete documents National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and will not be applicable in cases where physical verification is required, based on risk analysis. Wherever applicable, the original Transaction certificate(s) of a purchased product that has been sourced and certified by another Certification Body shall be verified before issuance of the Transaction Certificate.”

In this regard, all Certification Bodies are now required to adhere to the stipulated timelines for issuance of the Transaction Certificates.

Failure to comply with the above stated provisions pertaining to timely issuance of TC will attract penalties as specified in the Sanction Catalogue.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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