

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: ATTENTION EXPORTERS**

**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority (APEDA)  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)**

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**Subject: Re-issuance of Registration cum  
Membership Certificate (RCMC)**

### **Appeal to Exporters for seeking modified RCMC**

The RCMC issued to registered exporters with APEDA did not have any fixed validity period i.e. it was valid till the exporter complied with the necessary requirements. However, following instructions received from Ministry of Commerce and Industry (DGFT), Handbook of Procedure 2009-2014, Volume – 1, Clause 2.64.1 of Chapter 2. APEDA has revised its conditions of granting RCMC. Now, RCMC will be valid for fixed period of five years after which the exporters will have to register afresh.

The notice inviting the attention of the registered exporters was brought out by APEDA in newspaper wherein it was desired that existing registered exporters may approach APEDA for issue of new RCMC with fixed validity period of five years. Many APEDA rejected exporters have already responded and have been issued with the modified certificate. Such exporters need not apply for modified RCMC. The present advertisement is issued as the **last intimation** to the registered exporters that exporters will have fixed validity of five years. All relevant Government agencies, regulating exporter's i.e. Custom authorities, DGFT etc., will be intimated accordingly.

The existing certificate of APEDA without validity date currently available with exporters would need to be re-issued with appropriate modifications from APEDA. Authorities in APEDA shall issue fresh certificates during next three months till 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 2011 on all working days during office hours. The onus of getting the revised certificate squarely lies on the exporters. After 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 2011, the authorities, regulating exporters shall be constrained not to entertain the RCMC unless they are suitably modified and registered by APEDA. The database of APEDA of registered exporters with valid RCMC will be modified accordingly in that day. **This is extremely important and the exporters need to pay attention.**

The re-validated RCMC will be issued without any cost to the exporters.

(Secretary)