Dear Exporter,

We have received a proposal from the Grape Exporters Association of India (GEAI) suggesting the following:

2. Registration of Grape Exporters before start of season through GrapeNet
3. Exporters RCMC and PMO Globalgap certificate or arrangement with GlobalGap certified farmers details to be also hosted on Grapenet

**Extension of Pack house Recognition Certificate upto January 2013:** APEDA is happy to announce that the Pack House Recognition Certificates issued for a period of two years from the date of issue under the Pack House Recognition Scheme of 2009 is being extended by one year. The exporters will have to surrender the old certificate in original with confirmation about the capacity of current pre cooling chambers (No. of chambers and capacity of each chamber) and the number of shifts of operation of this facility. Only those pack houses will find presence in the GrapeNet software which have been extended until January 2013 after incorporation of the pre cooling details.

**Registration of Grape Exporters before start of season through GrapeNet:** It has been brought to our notice by the Grape Exporters Association of India and also some exporters that some occasional ‘fly-by-night’ type of exporters are also engaged in grape exports. This is not a very conducive scenario in regard to exports of grapes to the European Union.
In view of this, the following procedure will be followed:

i) The Pack houses processing grapes for export to EU will be required to sign an agreement with the exporters whose produce is to be processed and the copies of such agreements will have to be submitted by the Pack Houses to APEDA ahead of the commencement of grape export season.

ii) Based on the information so provided by the Pack Houses as well as exporters along with copies of agreements with the exporters, Only such exporters will be permitted under GrapeNet system to carry out processing and exports from recognized pack houses

iii) All exporters will have to subscribe to the GS1 prefix from GS1 India to qualify for accessing the GrapeNet.

Exporters RCMC and PMO Globalgap certificate or arrangement with GlobalGap certified farmers details to be also hosted on Grapenet: There is already a mechanism to verify the RCMC of the exporter which is issued on IEC No. The IEC No. is already available on the GrapeNet. The details of Global gap certified farmers is maintained by the State Government while registering the farmers.

Exporters are requested to take immediate steps on the above lines.

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