Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (Ministry of Commerce, Government of India)

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TRADE NOTICE

ISSUANCE OF TRANSACTION CERTIFICATES FOR EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Vide Public notification No. 73(RE-2013)/2009-2014 issued dated November 18, 20014, issued by Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India, New Delhi (DGFT). The export of organic products are subject to the following conditions:

(i) A product will be allowed to be exported as "Organic Product" only when accompanied by a Transaction Certificate issued by a Certification Body accredited by National Accreditation Body (NAB) for Organic Products under the National Programme for Organic Production of the Department of Commerce.

(ii) "Organic Products" for export will be so certified only if Produced, Processed and Packed as per the standards laid down in the document "National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)", available on the website of APEDA http://www.apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/organic/Organic_Products.htm, as amended from time to time.

The export of organic products to be exported shall be monitored both by the Customs Department as well as by DGCIS, through the provisional transaction certificates issued through the APEDA Tracenet to the exporter by the accredited certification body under NPOP.

APEDA has accordingly laid down the following procedure for the issuance of TCs for the export of Organic products.

PROCEDURE

i) Organic certified exporters shall apply initially for issuance of a Provisional Transaction Certificate issued from Tracenet by an accredited certification body under NPOP before the consignment is shipped. The provisional TC will accompany the consignment for verification at the Indian customs.

- ii) The provisional export TC will be only for the purpose of shipment and the final export TC is required to be issued to the exporter within 30 days from issuance of the provisional TC for export of Organic products.
- iii) The provisional TC will be valid only till the date of actual shipment.
- iv) It would be mandatory for the exporter to submit the original provisional TC along with the shipping documents to their accredited Certification body under NPOP for issuance of final export TC.

The final export TC issued from tracenet will be provided to the importer by the exporter and not the provisional TC.

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