

## Function and duties

The functions of APEDA have evolved in the last three decades. The majority of the functions of the organization flow from the section 10 of the APEDA Act 1986. There are other functions which flow from the foreign trade policy from time to time. In addition Government has also given responsibilities to discharge various other requirements of regulations.

### **APEDA Act ([View](#))**

**The following functions has been assigned to the authority as per section 10 of the APEDA Act**

- i. Development of industries relating to the scheduled products for export by way of providing financial assistance or otherwise for undertaking surveys and feasibility studies, participation in equity capital through joint ventures and other reliefs and subsidy schemes;
- ii. Registration of persons as exporters of the scheduled products on payment of such fees as may be prescribed;
- iii. Fixing of standards and specifications for the scheduled products for the purpose of exports;
- iv. Carrying out inspection of meat and meat products in slaughter houses, processing plants, storage premises, conveyances or other places where such products are kept or handled for the purpose of ensuring the quality of such products;
- v. Improving of packaging of the Scheduled products;
- vi. Improving of marketing of the Scheduled products outside India;
- vii. Promotion of export oriented production and development of the Scheduled products;
- viii. Collection of statistics from the owners of factories or establishments engaged in the production, processing, packaging, marketing or export of the scheduled products or from such other persons as may be prescribed on any matter relating to the scheduled products and publication of the statistics so collected or of any portions thereof or extracts there from;
- ix. Training in various aspects of the industries connected with the scheduled products;
- x. Such other matters as may be prescribed

**The following functions has been assigned to the authority as per section 10 A of the Act.**

i. Without prejudice to any law for the time being in force, it shall be the duty of the Authority to undertake, by such measures as may be prescribed by the Central government for registration and protection of the Intellectual Property rights in respect of Special products in India or Outside India.

**Functions assigned as per Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)**

i. Registration of contract for export of Basmati Rice. (Sl. No. 57 Chapter 10 of Schedule 2 of ITC (HS )

ii. Registration of contract for import of Sugar. (ITC (HS) Import Policy 2017 for Chapter 17).

iii. Registration of contract for export of organic pulses (Notification No 03/ 2015-2020 dated 19th April 2017)

iv. Issuance of Certificate of Exports for export of Peanut and Peanut Products. (Notification No. 28 (RE 2012)/2009-2014 dated 3rd January, 2013)

v. Allocation of TRQ for export of raw sugar to USA. Conditions for export of sugar to USA under TRQ (DGFT Notification No 3/2015-2020 dated April 20, 2015.).

vi. APEDA has been identified as the secretariat for the National Programme for Organic and it performs the lead role for promotion of export of organically grown agro-products. (Public Notice No 19(RE-2001)/1997-2002 dated 11.6.2001 ). APEDA serves as secretariat to National Steering Committee, National Accreditation Body and APEDA does the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

vii. DGFT vide Public Notice No.24/2015-20 dated 1.9.2017 has authorized APEDA to issue GSP Certificate and Non Preferential Certificate of Origin under Appendix-2C and 2E of FTP 2015-2020. APEDA is also authorized to issue Certificate of Origin (CoO) for Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) and SAARC Preferential Trade Agreement (SAPTA).

viii. The National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) is being implemented by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for exports under the Foreign Trade Development Regulations (FTDR) Act since October 2001. APEDA functions as the Secretariat for implementation of the NPOP (NPOP chapter 2, clause 2.3 (d).

**Other functions assigned by Government**

APEDA has been entrusted with the following additional responsibly apart from the mandate given to the organization:

**i. SPS notifications :-** DoC vide their letter No. 14/6/2009-TPD dated 28th April 2009, has entrusted APEDA the task of dealing with **SPS notifications relating to all agriculture commodities** for various countries. The major tasks entrusted were to download the SPS notifications, to disseminate the identified SPS Notifications, English translation of original notification, to examine the comments received from the stakeholders and prepare a comprehensive response from Indian side, list out the possible trade restrictive issues which need to be raised and submission of a quarterly report to DOC.

**ii. Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB) :-** APEDA address following Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB) including SPS to get market access for all agri products.

## **1.2 Power and duties of its officers and employees [Section 4(1) (b)(ii)]**

**i.** Chairman is the Chief Executive of the Authority. The powers and duties of the Chairman are:

- a)** Grant leave to Secretary, officers and employees of the Authority;
- b)** Prescribe duties of all officers and employees of the Authority and exercise such supervision and disciplinary control as may be necessary;
- c)** Sanction expenditure for contingencies, supplies and services and purchase of articles required for the working of the office of the Authority.

**ii.** The Central Govt. has also appointed a Secretary to the Authority who exercises powers and performs duties as may be prescribed or as may be delegated to him by Chairman. The duties of the Secretary are:

- a)** Attend all the meetings of the Authority and shall assist Chairman in implementing the decisions of the Authority;
- b)** Maintain a proper record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Authority and decisions taken in those meetings;
- c)** Maintain proper record of the register of exporters in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III of the Act;
- d)** Issue receipts on behalf of the Authority for all moneys received under the Act;
- e)** Maintain or cause to be maintained an account of the receipts and expenditure of the Authority; and
- f)** Be responsible for preparation of draft Annual report on the working of the Authority and its submission to Central Government after approval by the Authority on a date not later than the date specified in this behalf by the Central Government.