

PROCEDURE FOR IMPORT OF NOP CERTIFIED ORGANIC INGREDIENTS FOR VALUE ADDITION/ PROCESSING FOR RE-EXPORT TO USA (percentage of imported ingredients in final product not exceeding 30%)

This is in continuation to advisory dated 30.09.2014 and 17.02.2025 issued by APEDA allowing the use of USDA NOP certified imported organic ingredients for manufacturing a NOP certified multi-ingredient product in India for re-export to USA only.

The **existing Advisory No. APEDA/Advisory/2025/01 dated 17.02.2025** has been **partially modified to include single ingredient NOP certified imported products for value addition and re-export. Further, the percentage of the imported organic ingredient utilized for value addition or manufacturing a multi-ingredient product shall not exceed 30%.**

As per NPOP labelling requirements, a product can be labelled as organic when minimum of 95 % of the ingredients are certified organic under NPOP and shall carry the India Organic logo. When less than 95% but not less than 70% of the ingredients are of certified organic origin (NPOP certified), statement like “made with organic ingredients” shall be used on the label.

Therefore, in such cases where imported organic ingredients certified under NOP do not exceed 30% of the total product, with the remaining ingredients already certified under NPOP, the PTC/TC for the product under NPOP shall document “made with organic ingredients”, while the NOP certification of the product shall be as per USDA. **This product shall only be allowed for re-exports to USA.**

The Certification Bodies are required to maintain the audit trail and complete traceability and also ***ensure that NOP Certified imported ingredients are utilized in the permissible percentage for manufacturing a multi ingredient product or value added single ingredient product for re-export to USA.***