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**Subject: Advisory on the Financial Assistance Scheme for Mandatory Sampling and Analysis of Organic Products from Grower Groups**

Dear Certification Bodies,

As per Clause 4.4.1.3 (iii) of the 8th edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), it is mandatory to analyze samples from a minimum of 2% of farmers in each Grower Group every year to detect the presence of unauthorized substances in the organic production process.

In line with this requirement, and under the Quality Development component of APEDA's Financial Assistance Scheme (15th Finance Commission cycle: 2021-22 to 2025-26), there exists a provision for reimbursement of testing charges incurred by the Operators. This support is exclusively applicable for the 2% sampling mandated under NPOP and does not extend to the 5% mandatory sampling, which is to be conducted and fully borne by the Certification Bodies.

This testing of organic products shall be carried out in APEDA-recognized laboratories for Organic Products and samples must be drawn strictly as per the prescribed procedures so as to avail the assistance. The cost of testing is to be initially borne by the Grower Group, which can then be reimbursed through the concerned Certification Body by submitting the application in prescribed format along with the requisite supporting documentation.

Certification Bodies are advised to inform their certified Grower Groups about this provision and assist them in submitting applications for reimbursement.

**The detailed guidelines for sampling, testing, and reimbursement procedures are enclosed for reference.**

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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