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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority**  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

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**Subject: Extension of timeline for completion of the farmer verification process**

This is in reference to the verification of the farmers of the Grower Groups certified under NPOP. The provision was made live on 03.11.2025 wherein certification Bodies were required to carry out 100% farmer verification of the farmers of the Grower Group under their certification within 3 months' time. Further, an extension of 3 months was provided on request by stakeholders till 03.05.2026.

Before the expiry of the deadline, requests have been received from Stakeholders for extending the timeline for completion of the farmer verification process to account for difficulties due to network issues, updation of grower group farmer records, temporary migration of farmers etc.

The representations and requests were examined and it has been decided to extend the deadline for completion of the farmer verification process up to 03.07.2026.

After expiry of the above deadline, Tracenet system shall not allow any kind of operation for the unverified farmers, including yield updation, sourcing from their lots etc.

In addition to the above, for the grower groups where less than 20% farmer verification has been achieved till date, it shall be ensured by those groups that they complete atleast 50% farmer verification by 03.06.2026. In case of default of this condition, issuance of Transaction Certificates for such groups shall be stopped w.e.f 04.06.2026, till they achieve 100% farmer verification of their group before the deadline of 03.07.2026.

Further, the progress at CB level is also being regularly reviewed and appropriate action on CBs with slow/ unsatisfactory progress shall be taken, as per the NPOP Regulations.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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