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To All Certification Bodies

In continuation to advisory to Certification Bodies even number dated 24/03/2020 extending an additional grace period of one month from 20/03/2020 to 20/04/2020 to ensure that the certification status of any operator shall not be lost due to delay in renewal of scope certificate on TraceNet due to countrywide lock down in the wake of COVID-19. Considering the prevailing situation, the Certification Bodies may not be able to carry out physical inspections.

In view of the above, it has been decided that the additional grace period has been extended upto 30th June 2020. All the Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP and NOP are advised to continue issuance of Provisional Transaction Certificate/Transaction Certificate as per the procedure on TraceNet. It is advised that Certification Bodies shall not compromise on integrity of certified organic products and comply with NPOP and NOP requirements in all their operations. The Certification Bodies may also make adequate arrangements to ensure that work should not get affected at the same time safety and health of officials be taken care of.

The Certification Bodies who have been informed specifically regarding their accreditation renewal beyond 31/03/2020 may proceed with the process as advised individually to them by APEDA.

Yours faithfully,

Signed/-
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