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**Sub: Advisory note on analysis and residue testing under NPOP**

Dear Certification Bodies,

This has reference to our advisory note dated 7.3.2016 regarding observations of EU FVO Mission visit during April 2015. One of the observations of the EU FVO Mission was regarding the sampling, transport and sealing of samples and scope of laboratory testing for pesticide residues.

As per NPOP clause 4.3.1.4 (iv) testing of samples has to be carried out in ISO 17025 accredited and APEDA approved laboratories. APEDA has authorized 14 laboratories for analysis of residue testing for organic products w.e.f 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Each laboratory has a scope of recognition for residues of pesticides, heavy metals, aflatoxins, drugs & antibiotics, micro biological parameters and genetically modified organisms in fresh & processed food products. In this regard, certification bodies have to ensure that the samples collected by them following proper sampling procedures are tested only in the laboratories whose scope is adequate to detect all relevant analytes in order to guarantee that possible unauthorized use of pesticides and or contamination by unauthorized products is detected.

You are also required to submit the test reports of the 5% samples tested under NPOP at the end of the calendar year.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: List of APEDA Authorized Laboratories for Organic products