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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
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**Subject: Certification of Spirulina under NPOP**

Certification Bodies under NPOP,

APEDA has received queries from some of the Certification bodies regarding certification of Spirulina under NPOP.

Spirulina is a Cyanobacteria (blue green algae), an aquatic microorganism and is not covered under the NPOP Standards for crop production. Therefore, further processing and trading of this product is also not applicable as per NPOP.

Also, Spirulina and algae cannot be certified under present NPOP aquaculture standards.

As and when NPOP standards are amended, we will consider the possibility of its inclusion after reviewing all aspects.

In case any of the Certification Bodies have certified Spirulina or Spirulina products, they may withdraw these products from the Scope Certificates with immediate effect. These products are also being deactivated on Tracenet.

Yours faithfully,

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