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**Cc: Chairman; Director; Saswati Bose; Man Prakash Vijay; Reeba Abraham**

**Subject: External inspection of ICS by certification body based on the Risk Assessment**

**Dear Certification Bodies,**

This has reference to the meeting of the certification bodies held on 4th July 2014 and the discussion on the new tracenet developments. It was informed to all that under the new tracenet developments, it was informed that a module will be developed for selection of samples by the CB on tracenet on a random basis based on risk assessment along with provision to enter inspection details of 4 ha farmers separately.

We would like to inform all CBs that the module is now ready for uploading on tracenet. The module has been designed based on the risk assessment clause as per NPOP seventh edition also available on APEDA website.

The main features of the module are given below:

1. The CB shall inspect all the farmers annually having total farm area  $\geq 3.9$  Ha and enter inspection details accordingly.

2. For remaining farmers i.e. farmers having total farm area  $< 3.9$  Ha, the inspection will be done based on the risk assessment. CB has to select the risk category as High Risk, Medium Risk or Low Risk for random sampling of farmers for inspection. During risk assessment CB has to answer the following questions (mandatory):-

- 1) Size of holding
- 2) Number of the members in the group
- 3) Degree of similarity between the production system and crop system
- 4) Inter-mingling / contamination
- 5) Parallel production
- 6) Split production

7) Local hazards

8) Change in the production plan

9) Joining of new members in the group

3. Based on the selection of risk type by CB, formula will be applied to get the minimum number of farmers for inspection:-

If High Risk then random number 'Z' will be generated based on the following calculation

$$Z = 2 \times (\text{square root of number of farmers})$$

If Medium Risk then random number 'Z' will be generated based on the following calculation

$$Z = 1.5 \times (\text{square root of number of farmers})$$

If Low Risk then random number 'Z' will be generated based on the following calculation

$$Z = \text{square root of number of farmers}$$

Z is the number of farmers to be inspected by CB. In the above calculation, farmers having total farm area  $\geq$  3.9 Hectare will not be counted. Based on the generated number 'Z', the system will prepare a random list of farmers with total farm area  $<$  3.9 Ha. Once generated, this list can't be modified. The CB shall inspect all the farmers listed during random sampling and enter inspection details accordingly.

A detailed process flow document has been designed which is attached for your reference. The module will be functional from 1st May 2015.

It will not be applicable for projects whose renewal process has already started.

With regards,

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