

Guidelines for Stock closing, shelf life of organic products for issuance of TCs for trade

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Dear Certification Bodies,

Please refer to the minutes of the 15 April Meeting held at APEDA with the Certification Bodies and organic exporters. It was decided during the Meeting that different Committees would be constituted for working out the period for closing stock, shelf life and period for issuance of TCs for bringing in uniformity in the operations of CBs for certification of organic products. Accordingly, four Committees were constituted by APEDA for Field Crops, Plantation Crops, Horticulture and Processed Food Products.

The members for each Committee were drawn from a representative of CBs, Industry and APEDA. These Committees met twice and covered all the organic products presently under certification and worked on the above said parameters. The Committees submitted their report which was reviewed and finalised. The same is being uploaded on the tracenet by tomorrow as guidelines for the CBs and Operators.

This is also to inform you that many operators are conveying their ignorance of requirements for compliance to NPOP. They have also informed that the advisories sent by APEDA for compliance are not being communicated to them by the respective CBs.. Therefore, please note it is your duty to communicate to your operators registered under your certification to follow organic compliance as per the standards.

Regards

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