

**Advisory regarding ICS location and yield updation**

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Dear Certification Bodies,

1. The operators have been informing us that the advisories of APEDA are not been communicated to them for maintaining the required compliances .Therefore , please note that you are required to communicate all our advisories to your operators to enable them follow the requirements .

2. The following discrepancies have been observed on the tracenet.

**1. Address of the ICS**

Please refer to the advisory dated 19.07.2013 to enter the ICS exact location and address of ICS Operations in tracenet followed by several reminders. However, till date, there are several ICS whose address do not reflect the exact location which is creating inconsistency in data

We have observed that the CBs are not verifying the filled in addresses given by the Operators (ICS). The ICS address are given of one location in a state but the farms listed under the same ICS is at another location in another state..

If these addresses are not verified by the CBs before issuance of scope certificates , the access to the Mandators/ICS to enter the details and data will be withdrawn and the CBs have to themselves fill in the details.

**3.. Actual yield updation by the ICS:**

It has been observed that the actual yield filled in by the ICS are not consistent with the cropping season. e.g harvest of a crop in many TCs are reflecting as 2013 while it is a Kharif Crop still to be harvested in From October.

Please note that the date of harvest should be the actual harvest date as per season and not the date when the data is uploaded. Therefore, you are requested to verify the harvest details filled in by the ICS before issuing any transaction certificates to maintain the organic credibility of the products traded.

In spite of several advisories communicated by APEDA, if the required procedures are not followed by some of the CBs it will be considered as major nonconformities .

Regards

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