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Product entry/ amendments in Tracenet

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Dear Certification bodies,

It has been observed that in some cases related to value added processed products (juices/pasta/chutney/pappad/jam etc.), the Certification Bodies are not checking the ingredients and the preservatives being used in the processing of such products, before allowing the operator to register the products in Tracenet. As a result, many processed products are being processed without verification of the CB with the use of some processing aids or with preservatives which are not allowed under NPOP. For eg: sodium benzoate, preservative in juices is prohibited, but still the Certification body has allowed the operator to register under them through the Tracenet. Even though the Tracenet does not accept the query, there are several requests on the Tracenet for product addition by the operator recommended by the CB. This creates unnecessary wastage of time of the Tracenet group in responding to such uncalled queries.

In view of the above, it is requested that without studying the recipe of the value added products, in terms of ingredients and preservatives allowed in NPOP, may not be certified. The operator should be informed accordingly to avoid such lapses in certification in future.

In addition, I would also request that for any amendments to be made by the Tracenet team in entering the data/scope certificates/ TC, the request should be within seven days of the wrong entry. In future, request will not be entertained for any amendments in the entered data if it is after seven days of entry by either the operator or by the CB.

Regards,

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