

US NOP Certification

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Dear Certification Bodies,

Please refer to our advisory note dated 7th August 2012 and 13th June 2013 regarding NOP certification .It has been observed that the above advisory notes have not been implemented by some of the CBs

- Additionally it has also been observed that majority of the operators registered under your certification programme are not even aware that there are several issues in US NOP standards which are required to be complied with in addition to NPOP requirements . **Please note NOP certification is not automatic if an operator has a valid NPOP certificate.**
- If a operator with only NPOP certificate with his/her pervious certification body has registered under your certification programme , such operators are required to be informed about the NOP requirements and only after one year of NOP verification during inspection the scope certificate for NOP management can be issued followed by TCs.
- Some of the CBs are issuing NPOP and NOP certificates with different dates (up to six months difference). **Please note the validity of NOP should be as per NPOP validity.**
- It is requested that please do not divert your operators for any certification clarifications. It is the CBs responsibility to communicate the requirements of NPOP and NOP during registration and update them of any other requirement as informed to you by APEDA through advisory notes

- Please also note ,If the above said adated advisories are not followed by the CBs it will be considered as a major non conformity.

Thanks for all your cooperation. Let us work together to make a credible certification in our country.

Regards

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