

Dated: 17.09.2020

Advisory

Subject: Export of Organic Products to Canada

Dear Certification Bodies,

This has reference to the letter of USDA dated 19.08.2020 clarifying the scope of US-India Organic Recognition Agreement. The letter clearly mentioned that the NOP recognition with India is not included with the scope of the US-Canada Organic Equivalency Agreement and also that the organic products meant for export to Canada are required to obtain certification under the Canadian Organic Regime (COR).

Since, many shipment are reported to be in transit or about to be shipped to Canada, APEDA has taken up this matter with High Commission of India, Ottawa to seek clarification from Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). CFIA has informed that Indian organic products certified by APEDA's accredited Certification Bodies should not be imported in Canada at this time. However, Indian products which are certified by CFIA accredited certification bodies or by US accredited Certification Bodies recognized under the US-Canada Organic equivalency arrangement can be imported and marketed in Canada as organic products.

The Certification Bodies shall ensure the compliance of the above.

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