

## Withdrawal of guidelines circulated vide our letter of 13th August, 2012 for certification of imported ingredients for export

This is with reference to the email by APEDA dated March 08, 2013 with **Ref. No: APEDA/ORG/Guidelines** regarding Withdrawal of guidelines circulated vide our letter of 13th August, 2012 for certification of imported ingredients for export

As you are aware that Indian NPOP has equivalence recognition arrangement with EU for agriculture products. European Commission (EC) have expressed reservation on these guidelines and proposed reduction in the scope of equivalence recognition by deleting the arrangement for processed products. In view of the reservation expressed by EC, it has been decided to withdraw guidelines circulated vide our letter of 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 with immediate effect. **You are therefore, advised not to certify any imported products for use as ingredient in the value added products for export.**

Certification of processed organic products for export containing ingredients of Indian origin would continue as per the provisions of NPOP (as per Section 3 pertaining to 'National Standard for Organic Production' Clause 3.4 'Food Processing and Handling' and Clause 3.5 'Labelling.')

Module relating to import product verification on 'Tracenet' at APEDA website [www.apeda.gov.in](http://www.apeda.gov.in) has been removed. Any manual certification by Certification Bodies under NPOP will be considered as non-compliance in this respect.

---