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Module-2

Regulatory Mechanism for Organic Agriculture in India



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The National Programme for Organic Production proposes to provide an institutional mechanism for the implementation of National Standards for Organic Production, through a National Accreditation Policy and Programme.

The aims of the National Programme for organic production, inter alia, includes the following:

- a. To provide the means of evaluation of certification programmes for organic agriculture and products as per the approved criteria.
- b. To accredit certification programmes.



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- c. To facilitate certification of organic products in conformity to the National Standards for Organic Products.
- d. To encourage the development of organic farming and organic processing



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Scope

The National Programme for Organic Production shall, among others, includes:

- (a) Policies for development and certification of organic products
- (b) National standards for organic products and processes
- (c) Accreditation of programmes to be operated by Inspection and Certification Agencies
- (d) Certification of organic products



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National Accreditation Body

The National Steering Committee would also function as the National Accreditation Body. The members of the National Accreditation Body shall comprise of representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, APEDA, Coffee Board, Spices Board and Tea Board.

The Chairman of the Body shall be the Chairman of the National Steering Committee.

The work of the National Accreditation Body will include:

- (a) Drawing up procedures for evaluation and Accreditation of certification programmes.
- (b) Formulating procedures for evaluation of the agencies implementing the programmes.
- (c) Accreditation of inspection and certification agencies



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Evaluation Committee

Eligible Inspection and Certification Agencies implementing certification programmes will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will be appointed by the National Accreditation Body.

The members of the Evaluation Committee will comprise of members drawn from the APEDA, Coffee Board, Spices Board, Tea Board, Ministry of Agriculture and Export Inspection Council of India (EIC) / Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs).



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Accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies

Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee, eligible Inspection and Certification Agencies will be accredited by the National Accreditation Body. These agencies should be well versed with the operating procedures, the NSOP and the international standards.

Inspectors

The inspectors, appointed by the accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies will carry out inspection of the operations through records maintained by the operators as per specified formats and also by periodic site inspection. Based on compliance with the standards and certification programmes, accredited Inspection and Certification.



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