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**OFFICE ORDER**

**Subject: Implementing the process for prior approval and risk assessment through the single window system (ePAAS) – reg.**

To ensure parity and transparency in risk assessment and approval mechanisms, it has been decided to implement a Single Window System through the electronic Product and Claim Approval Application System (ePAAS).

2) The ePAAS shall serve as a unified digital interface for the submission, processing, monitoring, and appeal/review of all applications related to the prior approval and risk assessment of products, ingredients, and claims, as applicable under relevant regulations.

3) In view of the above, the Authority has decided that all applications-accompanied by a complete dossier—for the risk assessment and approval of the following (with relevant regulations/clauses mentioned in Annexure I) shall be submitted exclusively through the ePAAS portal:

- ✓ Approval of Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients (NSF&FI)
- ✓ Authorization of r-PET
- ✓ Approval of Claims
- ✓ Approval of Ayurveda Aahara
- ✓ FSMP
- ✓ Vegan Endorsement
- ✓ Notification of esters/derivatives/salts of vitamins, salts/chelates of minerals, and esters/derivatives/isomers/salts of amino acids
- ✓ Any other food, product, process, or system for which prior approval is required by the Food Authority under the provisions of the FSS Act, 2006, and regulations made thereunder, or as notified from time to time.

4) Unless otherwise specified in the relevant FSSR, the forms and formats for such applications shall be the same as those specified under the FSS (Approval of Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Regulations, 2017.

5) Accordingly, effective June 1, 2026, all aforementioned applications seeking prior approval or authorization from the FSSAI shall be submitted only through the ePAAS portal (<https://epaas.fssai.gov.in/login>). Necessary guidelines, forms, and formats will be available on the same portal. No manual, offline, or email-based applications shall be entertained thereafter.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-

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## SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROCEDURES FOR IMPORT OF NOP CERTIFIED ORGANIC INGREDIENTS FOR VALUE ADDITION/ PROCESSING FOR RE-EXPORT TO USA

India's exports of organic products come under the purview of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). The NPOP is being implemented by the Department of Commerce, Govt. of India, for exports, under the provisions of the Foreign Trade Development Regulations (FTDR) Act 1992 since 2001. In the domestic market, it is notified under the Food Safety and Standards (Organic Food) Regulations, 2017.

The 8th Edition of the NPOP regulations was notified on 5th January 2025 and is in force since July 2025. APEDA is the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP.

An advisory dated 30.09.2014 was issued by APEDA allowing the use of USDA NOP certified imported organic ingredients for manufacturing a NOP certified multi-ingredient product in India for re-export to USA only.

Clause 4.7.1 of NPOP (8th Edition) provides that, "imported organic ingredients, as per the terms prescribed at Regulation 4.6, may be used for manufacturing a multi-ingredient organic product in India for re-export, in accordance with the importing country's regulations."

Another Advisory No. APEDA/Advisory/2025/01, dated 17.02.2025 was issued by APEDA which was in continuation to the 2014 advisory and it was clarified that imported USDA-NOP-certified organic ingredients may be used only for manufacturing multi-ingredient products for re-export to USA. The advisory explicitly required Certification Bodies and Operators to ensure strict compliance.

APEDA has received requests for amendment of the Advisory dated 17/2/2025 to allow import of NOP certified organic ingredients for value addition/processing for re-export to USA.

In this regard, the requests received have been examined and draft procedures for specified products and conditions have been formulated for import of NOP certified organic ingredients for re-export to USA as below:

- a) Procedure for import of NOP certified organic ingredients for value addition/ processing for re-export to USA (percentage of imported ingredients in final product not exceeding 30%)
- b) Procedure for import of NOP-certified organic ingredients for value addition/ processing for re-export to USA produced in NPOP certified organic processing units located in special economic zones (SEZ) (where in percentage of imported ingredients exceeds 30%)
- c) Procedure for import of NOP-certified organic ingredients for value addition/ processing for re-export to USA from NPOP certified organic processing units located in the DTA (non SEZ) area (where in percentage of imported ingredients exceeds 30%)

The comments/ feedback if any may be submitted in the below link within 21 days from the date of this notification.

<https://forms.gle/inX7aGF3QnUgqUIs7>

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Sd/-  
Dr. Saswati Bose  
General Manager

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