

Addendum to Public Notice No. ORG-2023-24-000039 dated 04.10.2024.

This is with reference to the **Public Notice No. ORG-2023-24-000039 dated 04.10.2024** seeking public comments on the Final Draft of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), 2024 (Eight Edition).

India's NPOP is recognised by the EU under Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 for unprocessed plant products.

In view of the same and as per Article 7 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/279 of 22.02.2021 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 the following provision is proposed to be amended in the Draft National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), 2024 (Eight Edition).

4.4.1.3: Analysis and Residue Testing:

*(iii) The Certification Body shall take and analyze samples for detecting presence of unauthorized substances in the organic processes. The number of samples to be taken and analyzed by the Certification Body every year shall be at least 5 % of the total number of operators under its control. **Additionally, samples from minimum 2% farmers of each Grower Group shall also be analyzed for detecting presence of unauthorized substances in the organic process.***

Comments or suggestions, if any, on the same may be furnished within 7 days i.e by 12th November 2024 of the publication of this Notice at saswatibose@apeda.gov.in and asctelegal@apeda.gov.in

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