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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products
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(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

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Circular on Certification and export of organic products to USA

APEDA has been intimated by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) on 11th January 2021 that the AMS recognition of the conformity assessment system used by APEDA for accreditation of Certification Bodies has been ended. However, as Indian organic products continue to be valued by US importers, provision for transition is being provided by AMS.

AMS is providing an 18-month transition period to allow organic operations certified by the Certification Bodies accredited by the National Accreditation Body (NAB) as per USDA NOP to become directly certified to the USDA organic standards by a USDA-accredited certifier. During this period, Indian organic operations with current certification to the USDA organic standards by an APEDA-accredited certifier can continue to export organic products to the United States. By July 12, 2021, however, to continue to export to the United States, organic operations will need to demonstrate that they have applied to a USDA-accredited certifier for certification. Effective July 12, 2022, USDA organic certification by a USDA-accredited certifier will be required for exports of organic products from India to the United States. The Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP may apply for accreditation under the USDA program at any time.

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