

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**NOTIFICATION FOR SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANNEX 3(17) OF  
CHAPTER 3 OF THE NPOP- 8TH EDITION**

India's exports of organic products come under the purview of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). The NPOP was launched in the year 2000, and 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.

For the domestic market, NPOP has been recognized as an organic standard, under Food Safety and Standards (Organic Food) Regulations, 2017.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NPOP was notified by the Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT) on 05<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and is presently in force from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

APEDA has received request for modifying conditions of certain additives in Annex **3(17) Chapter 3 of the NPOP- 8th Edition**.

In this regard, feedback/public comments are sought from the stakeholders on amendment in the **Annex 3(17) Chapter 3 of the NPOP- 8th Edition**.

The comments/feedback, if any may be submitted in the prescribed format through the link provided below within 30 days from the date of this notification.

<https://forms.gle/EuzKZ8smzxUkifhE8>

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Sd/-  
Dr. Saswati Bose  
General Manager