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

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**Subject : Decision of the National Accreditation Body on renewal of accreditation of Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products (ISCOP), Coimbatore under NPOP**

Dear Sir,

The National Accreditation Body (NAB) in its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 reviewed the evaluation report submitted by the Evaluation Committee (EC) on the renewal audit of ISCOP held in December 2018 and the assessment report of APEDA on the corrective actions submitted by ISCOP for the non conformities reported by the EC. The NAB noted that out of the 23 non conformities reported by the EC, 21 are still open.

The assessment report of APEDA is annexed.

The NAB also noted that the 33<sup>rd</sup> NAB had reduced the scope of accreditation of ISCOP to Crop Production due to repeated and open non conformities.

Considering the above alleged lapses on the part of ISCOP which requires to be rectified/replied, the NAB decided not to renew the accreditation of ISCOP under NPOP. However, to ensure that certification and trade of organic products should not get hampered due to action against ISCOP, the NAB decided to extend the accreditation of ISCOP only for a period of 6 months w.e.f 01.04.2019 for Crop Production under NPOP. This would also give another but last opportunity to ISCOP to ensure compliance to the standard requirements of NPOP for continuity of accreditation failing which the accreditation of ISCOP shall be suspended without any further notice.

ISCOP is also advised to keep their operators informed of this fact.

Yours faithfully,

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