Notice for seeking Public Comments

Draft National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), 2024

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 under Food Safety and Standards (Organic Food) Regulations, 2017.

The NPOP guidelines have been revised from time to time and the current (seventh) edition was notified by the Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT), in 2014.

The current edition of NPOP has been revised in harmony with the international standards. For simplification, a separate procedure manual has been developed along with the NPOP guidelines.

Before finalization of the NPOP 2024 eighth edition, comments/suggestions of the stakeholders are solicited.

Comments or suggestions, if any, on the draft National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), 2024 may be furnished within 30 days of the publication of this Notice in the prescribed format through the link provided below:

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