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CGSSOCA Operating Manual Procedure for Grant & Use of Certification Logo

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A. Organic Logo

The India Organic logo will be granted on the basis of compliance with the National Standards for Organic Production (NSOP). Communicating the genuineness as well as the origin of the product. Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the sole, absolute and exclusive owner of the India organic trade mark. The CGSSOCA is agent of Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The relationship between Ministry of Commerce and Industry and CGSSOCA is governed by the terms of an Agency Agreement entered into between two parties.

A **CGSSOCA** certification mark – will be granted on the basis of compliance with the National Standards for Organic Production (NSOP). Communicating the genuineness as well as the origin of the product, this mark will be owned by the CGSSOCA. Only such manufacturers, exporters and processors whose products are duly approved/certified by CGSSOCA, will be granted the license to use of the logo, which would be governed by a set of regulations.

1. The India Organic Logo under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) is given below:



2. The India Organic logo under NPOP may also be used in black and white as given below, as an exception at the primary production level only and under circumstances where it is not feasible to apply it in colour.

3. For use of India Organic Logo in black and white, prior written permission will be sought from the Certification Body stating clearly the justification for such request.

4. The of India Organic Logo in black and white shall be used only at the primary production level and for those products and scope for which permission has been granted in writing.

Use of The India Organic Logo; Authorized Users

1. A product will be allowed to be exported as “Organic Product” only if it is produced, processed and packed under the Certification Trade Mark issued by CGSSOCA, constituted under the provisions of the NPOP.

2. Ministry of Commerce and Industry is the sole, absolute, and exclusive owner of the Certification Trade Mark. CGSSOCA is an agent of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The relationship between Ministry of Commerce and Industry and CGSSOCA is governed by the terms of an Agency Agreement entered into between the Parties. Nothing in these Regulations modifies the terms of the Agency Agreement.

3. CGSSOCA, while granting certification to an Applicant is merely acting as an agent of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and any certification conferred on such Applicant is deemed to have been ultimately conferred and authorized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

4. A license to use the Certification Trade Mark may be revoked if the licensee

4.1 challenges the validity of the Certification Trade Mark; or

4.2 challenges Ministry of Commerce and Industry as the sole, absolute, and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in the Certification Trade Mark, and the goodwill associated therewith; or