

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department**  
**Civil Secretariat, J&K-Jammu**

**Subject:-Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir Organic Certification Agencies.**

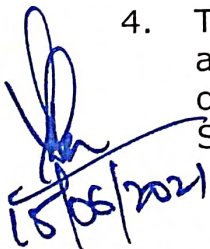
**Government Order No: 100 -JK (Agri) of 2021**  
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Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of two Organic Certification Agencies under National Programme for Organic Production(NPOP) in the Union Territory namely Jammu and Kashmir Organic Certification Agency Kashmir for Kashmir Division and Jammu and Kashmir Organic Certification Agency Jammu for Jammu Division for third party certification of Organic products. The composition of each agency shall be as under:-

1	Agriculture Chemist Kashmir Jammu	Chairman
2	Divisional Seed Certification Officer Kashmir/Jammu	Chief Executive Officer
3	Seed Pathologist Kashmir/Jammu	Member
4	Seed Analyst Kashmir/Jammu	Member
5	Representative of the Vice Chancellor SKUAST drawn from Organic Farming Centre of the respective University not below the rank of Assistant Professor.	Member
6	Representative of the Director(s) Horticulture Kashmir/Jammu not below the rank of Horticulture Development Officer.	Member
7	Representative of the Director(s)Animal/Sheep Husbandry Kashmir/Jammu not below the rank of Livestock Development Officer/Sheep Development Officer	Member

Terms of reference:

1. The above Agencies are mandated to issue and renew the scope certificates to the Organic farmer/operator/handler/exporter and to perform all functions, activities and follow processes incidental thereto as an accredited organic certification body under NPOP.
2. Each agency shall immediately take requisite steps to get accredited with APEDA as organic certification body under NPOP and endeavour to accomplish the same within 3 months of this order.
3. The above Agency shall draw upon infrastructure, funds and manpower of the Seed Certification Wing of the respective Division to discharge its obligation as an accredited organic certification body in the respective Division.
4. The above Agencies shall strictly comply with the NPOP processes and protocols for accredited certification agency including following of National Standards for Organic Production and International Standards ISO/EC 17065 for organic certification.

  
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5. The agencies shall charge prescribed fee for testing/certification after getting the fee structure duly approved by the Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare.
6. For the purpose of organic residue testing or any other test required for organic certification, the Agency may utilize the services of SKUAST, IIIM or any other Government Institution /Department's NABL accredited laboratory in the UT on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
7. Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K/J and other HoDs shall ensure that highly suitable officers are nominated in the Agency well before 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
8. Ordinarily a member nominated as representative of the department should continue as such for 4 years unless for specified reasons he has to be discontinued.
9. No officer, having remaining service of less than 4 years shall be nominated as member of Agencies.
10. Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is nominated as the Central Agency for facilitating accreditation and capacity building of the Agencies.
11. Both the Directors of Agriculture, Jammu/Kashmir shall mentor and handhold the above Agencies so as to ensure that these **become functional before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. For this purpose they may, inter-alia, also engage reputed Certification Agencies of the country for providing requisite training for the members of the Agency.

**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

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