

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
Agriculture Production Department  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar**

**Subject: Constitution of Crop-wise/Product-wise Committees for undertaking G.I. tagging of different crops and products in the UT of J&K**

**Government Order No: 403JK(APD) of 2022  
Dated: 20.12.2022**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the Constitution of :

- (a) Apex Committee for G.I. Tag Registration;
- (b) G.I. Technical Facilitation Committee;
- (c) Committee for undertaking G.I. Tagging (Crop-wise/Product-wise) of Twenty Four (24) crops & products to promote niche crops and niche culture in Jammu & Kashmir.

The constitution of the Committee shall be as under:-

**1) Apex Committee for G.I. Tag Registration:**

1.	Shri Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department, J&K	Chairman
2.	Padma Shree Dr. Rajanikant, Gen. Secretary, Human Welfare Association (G.I. Tagging Expert)	Member
3.	Dr. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu	Member
4.	Dr. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir	Member Secretary
5.	Shri Sachin Dhaniya, Dy. Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India	Member

**2) G.I. Technical Facilitation Committee:**

1.	Padma Shree Dr. Rajanikant, Gen. Secretary, Human Welfare Association (G.I. Tagging Expert)	Chairman
2.	Prof. Firdous Ahmad Nehvi, Professor (Rtd), SKUAST Kashmir	Member
3.	Dr. Bashir A. Allaie, Incharge Saffron Research Station, SKUAST Kashmir	Member Secretary
4.	Dr. R.K. Salgotra, HoD, Biotechnology, SKUAST Jammu	Member
5.	Mr. Nisar Ahmad Dar, SMS SDL (Srinagar), Directorate of Agriculture, Kashmir	Member
6.	Mr. Suhail Inamullah, Agriculture Extension Assistant, Directorate of Agriculture, Kashmir	Member

The GI Technical Facilitation Committee shall assist in:

- Awareness and Training of different groups about GI registration.
- Facilitation of overall GI registration process and help in uploading/obtaining documents regarding social, economic, legal, IP Rights of community etc.
- Support to identified communities and different facilitator groups for data generation, application filling and GI certification.

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3) Committee for undertaking G.I. Tagging (Crop-wise/Product-wise) of Twenty Four (24) crops & products to promote niche crops and niche culture in Jammu & Kashmir.

a) Kashmir Division

Name of Crop/product		Members
1.	Apple ( <i>Ambri</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Bhat</li> <li>• Prof. S. A. Simnani</li> <li>• Prof. Mohammad Amin</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
2.	Apple ( <i>Maharaji</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Khalid Mushtaq</li> <li>• Prof. Z. A. Bhat</li> <li>• Prof. Munib-ur-Rehman</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
3.	Pear ( <i>Naak-Tang</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. S. A. Simnani</li> <li>• Prof. Khalid Mushtaq</li> <li>• Dr. M. K. Sharma</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
4.	Grapes ( <i>Repora</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. S. A. Simnani</li> <li>• Dr. Aroosa Khalil</li> <li>• Dr. M. K. Sharma</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
5.	Walnut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Khalid Rasool Dar</li> <li>• Prof. Imtiyaz A. Lone</li> <li>• Prof. Khalid Mushtaq</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
6.	Kala zeera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Bashir Ahmed Alai</li> <li>• Dr. M. H. Khan</li> <li>• Dr. Bilal Ahmed Lone</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Agriculture</li> </ul>
7.	Red Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Najeed-ur-Rehman</li> <li>• Dr. Asif Bashir Shikari</li> <li>• Dr. Raees Ahmed, KVK, Kupwara</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Agriculture</li> </ul>
8.	Shallots ( <i>Pran</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. M. I. Makhdoomi</li> <li>• Prof. Bashir Ahmed Alie</li> <li>• Prof. Khursheed Hussain</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Agriculture</li> </ul>
9.	Kashmiri long Chilli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Baseerat Afroz</li> <li>• Dr. Khursheed Hussain</li> <li>• Dr. Gazala Nazir</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Agriculture</li> </ul>
10.	Nadru Water Chestnut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Shoukat Ara</li> <li>• Prof. Aijaz Ah. Malik</li> <li>• Prof. Sajad Mohd. Wani</li> <li>• Member from J&amp;K Lakes Conservation &amp; Management Authority</li> </ul>
11.	Apricot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. M. K. Sharma</li> <li>• Prof. Muneeb-ul-Rehman</li> <li>• Prof. Amarjeet Singh</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>

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12.	Haanz Haakh Khanyari Haakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Baseerat Afrooz</li> <li>• Dr. Rizwan Rasool</li> <li>• Dr. Ummiya Masoodi</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Agriculture</li> </ul>
13.	Kuth Goazaban Pumbe challan Kod (Cod)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Parvez Ah. Sofi</li> <li>• Dr. Peerzada Ishtiaq</li> <li>• Dr. Amarjeet Singh</li> <li>• Member from Directorate of AYUSH</li> </ul>
14	Meat Products Harisa Gushtaba Tabakhmaaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Asif Hassan Sofi (LPT)</li> <li>• Dr. Rafeh (LPT)</li> <li>• Dr. Sajad M. Wani (FST)</li> <li>• Member from Sheep Husbandry</li> <li>• Member from FSSI, Kashmir</li> </ul>
15	Dried Fish ( <i>Hogaad</i> ) Smoked Fish ( <i>Phar</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Tariq Hussain Bhat, Faculty of Fisheries</li> <li>• Dr. Gohar Bilal Wani, Fishery Engineering</li> <li>• Member from Deptt of Fisheries</li> <li>• Member from FSSI, Kashmir</li> </ul>

b) **Jammu Division**

Name of Crop/product		Team Members
1.	Mountain Garlic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Satish Kumar, Professor (Vegetables)</li> <li>• HoD, Vegetable Science</li> <li>• Member from Agriculture Department</li> </ul>
2.	Pine Nuts ( <i>Chilgoza</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mahital Jamwal, Professor (Fruit Science)</li> <li>• HoD, Fruit Science</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>
3.	Red Rice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. R.K. Salgotra, Professor (Biotechnology)</li> <li>• HoD, PBG</li> <li>• Member from Agriculture Department</li> </ul>
4.	Milk cake (Abdullian, RS Pura)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sunil Kumar, Professor (LPT)</li> <li>• Member from FSSAI</li> <li>• HoD, LPT</li> <li>• Member from Animal Husbandry Department</li> </ul>
5.	Gathia Thom (Hill Garlic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Satish Kumar, Professor (Vegetables)</li> <li>• HoD, Vegetable Science</li> <li>• Member from Agriculture Department</li> </ul>
6.	Moth (Poonchi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ajay Gupta, Professor KVK, Poonch</li> <li>• Dr. A.P. Rai, Assoc. Prof. CO&amp;NF</li> <li>• Member from Agriculture Department</li> </ul>
7.	Chandak Basmati (Poonch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ajay Gupta, Professor KVK, Poonch</li> <li>• HoD, PBG</li> <li>• Member from Agriculture Department</li> </ul>
8.	Olive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ajay Gupta, Professor (Fruit Science)</li> <li>• HoD, Fruit Science</li> <li>• Member from Deptt. of Horticulture</li> </ul>

**Terms of Reference for the Committees**

- The committees shall collect all the relevant information pertaining to the crops and products in terms of their specialty, yield, process etc. to make it eligible for G.I. tagging.

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- The committee shall also provide specific characteristics and origin of the crop to be GI tagged and any other specific characteristics which will qualify it for tagging.
- The committee shall complete the process within a period of 6 months and submit the report to the concerned Authorities for further necessary action.

### Point of reference for the Committees

The GI tagging is registered under the Geographic Indication and Protection Act 1999 by Department of Industry Promotion and International Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI:

1. The applicant can apply before the Registrar GI directly or via any person or association of person or producer or organization authorized by or under the law which ultimately represents the interest of such producers of such goods.
2. The application must entail the criteria of quality, nature, reputation, or any other essential factor like geographical environment, manufacturing process, natural and human factors, map of the territory of production, the appearance of geographical indication (figurative or words), list of producers, along with prescribed fees.
3. The preliminary scrutiny for any deficiencies in documentation etc. shall be conducted and in case any such deficiency is found, it shall be rectified within one month of the date of the communication.
4. The Registrar may accept or refuse the application for registration of G.I. tagging of any product on merit. In case of refusal, the Authority will furnish the reasons for rejecting the application(s) to the applicants. The applicant has the option to file the objection before the Authority within a period of three months.
5. The Registrar, on acceptance of application, may advertise such application on GI Journal.
6. The Authority shall reserve the right of withdrawing the G.I. tagging of any product in case of default from the end user.

**By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.**

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**Financial Commissioner**

**(Additional Chief Secretary)**

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