



GOVERNMENT ACCREDITATION MODEL FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN INDIA

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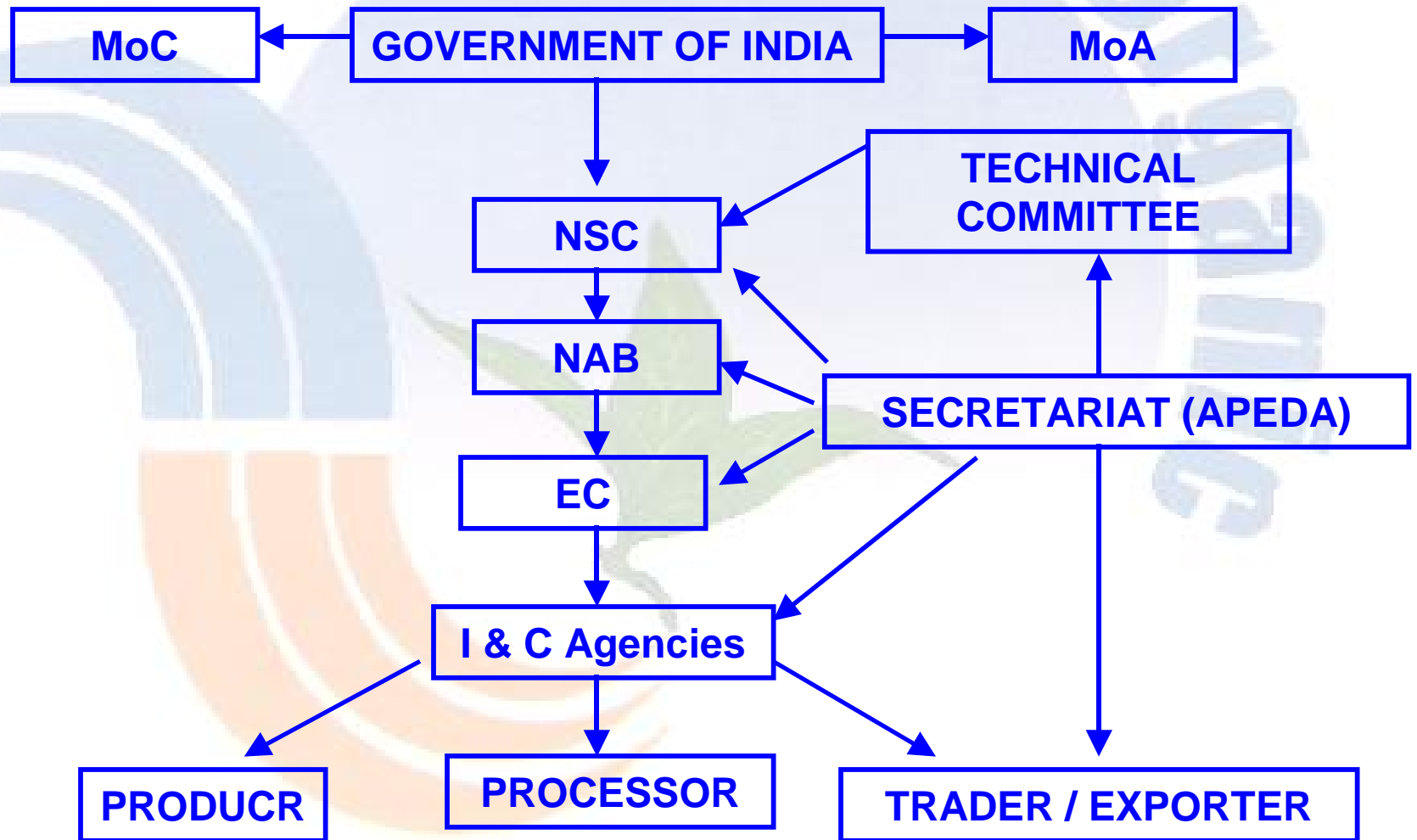


STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION

- ▶ Accreditation system in India
- ▶ Competence of Indian certification bodies.
- ▶ Government Accreditation
- ▶ Achievements
- ▶ Vision
- ▶ Support system for promotion of organic agriculture



OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NPOP





COMPETENCE LEVEL OF CBs

- ▶ **Comply with ISO Guide 65 requirements.**
- ▶ **Legal identity with adequate manpower**
- ▶ **Qualified inspectors with agriculture background.**
- ▶ **Organic testing carried out in ISO – 17025 compliant laboratories**
- ▶ **Trainings regularly organized for inspectors**
- ▶ **Participate in seminars & workshops**



CERTIFICATION AGENCIES ACCREDITED BY

INDIA

- F APOF Organic Certification Agency (AOCA) – Bangalore
- F BVQI (India) Pvt. Ltd. – Mumbai
- F Ecocert International – Aurangabad
- F IMO Control Pvt. Ltd. – Bangalore
- F INDOCERT – Cochin
- F Lacon – Thiruvella
- F Natural Organic Certification Association – Pune
- F One Cert Asia Pvt. Ltd. – Jaipur
- F SGS India (Pvt.) Ltd. – Gurgaon
- F (Control Union Certification) Skal International – Mumbai
- F Uttranchal Organic Certification Agency – Dehra Dun
- F Rajasthan Organic Certification Agency (ROCA)- Jaipur
- F Vedic Organic Certification Agency (VOCA) - Hyderabad
- F ISCOP – Coimbatore,
- F Food Cert (India Pvt. Ltd – Hyderabad
- F Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd. – Bangalore



ADVANTAGES OF A GOV'T. MODEL

- ▶ Provides transparency
- ▶ Promotes equitable treatment
- ▶ No conflict of interest
- ▶ Builds confidence among certifiers
- ▶ Builds confidence among importing countries
- ▶ Increases credibility
- ▶ Facilitates bilateral acceptance
- ▶ Accreditation costs are low & takes lesser time



ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES FOR A GOVT. MODEL

- ▶ Strict compliance to ISO – 17011
- ▶ Understanding of POs and PCs
- ▶ Members of Committees should be from different Govt. organizations
- ▶ Monitoring of work by a supervisory body
- ▶ Vision for ‘organic’ farming & marketing
- ▶ Regular interaction & training in capacity building



WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR

- ▶ **NPOP standards recognized for equivalence.**
- ▶ **First country to introduce “ Group Certification” in the regulations**
- ▶ **Accredited 16 certification bodies**
- ▶ **Equivalence with EU/ Switzerland**
- ▶ **Recognition by the US**



HOW WE ACHIEVED IT

- ▶ **Standards speak for themselves**
- ▶ **Quality Management System in APEDA**
- ▶ **Credibility of accreditation system**
- ▶ **Regular training of certification bodies and Evaluation Committee**
- ▶ **Govt. encouragement**
- ▶ **Synergy in MoC and MoA for development of organic agriculture.**



RATIONALE BEHIND SUCCESS

- ▶ **Government support interventions**
- ▶ **Inter ministerial synergy (MoA , MoC)**
- ▶ **Conscious promotion of organic farming by states**
- ▶ **Progressive NGOs and farmers**
- ▶ **Market forces**
- ▶ **Adequate technical resources**



WHAT REMAINS TO BE ACHIEVED

- ▶ **Equivalence with Japan and Australia**
- ▶ **Multilateral agreements with other countries for market access**
- ▶ **Total market acceptance**
- ▶ **World- wide acknowledgement of “India Organic” logo**
- ▶ **No 1 Organic hub in the world.**



SUPPORT INITIATIVES

India Organic



WHAT IS GOV'T. DOING TO PROMOTE OA !

- ▶ **NPOP being notified for domestic market**
- ▶ **Establish GS1 system for global tracing and accountability of organic products**
- ▶ **Promotional steps initiated in all the states on a project mode**
- ▶ **Introducing aquaculture, animal husbandry and textile standards in NPOP**
- ▶ **Steps initiated for preparing product packages**



WHAT IS GOVT. DOING TO PROMOTE OA!

- ▶ **Regular training to certification bodies and Evaluation Committee**
- ▶ **New organizations being trained for establishing certification programmes**
- ▶ **Promotion of “India Organic” logo**
- ▶ **Introduced vocational course in organic farming/certification for development of human resources**

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WHAT IS INDUSTRY DOING TO ACHIEVE THIS.....!

- ▶ Increase area under certified production
- ▶ Adopting Group Certification on a large scale
- ▶ Increase product range
- ▶ Add value through :
 - ▶ – *Good Agricultural Practices (India GAP)*
 - ▶ – *HACCP / ISO - 22000 in processing units*
 - ▶ – *Improved packaging*
- ▶ Voluntarily adopting NPOP for domestic market
- ▶ Opening up of organic outlets in India



INDIA'S STRENGTHS

- ▶ **Standards cover all relevant aspects of production and production methods**
- ▶ **Have a credible system for use of certificates & logo**
- ▶ **Have recognised testing laboratories (ISO-17025 accredited)**
- ▶ **Maintenance of quality**
- ▶ **Adequate procedures for evaluation of performance**
- ▶ **Professional training in inspection and certification**
- ▶ **Administration is non-discriminatory**



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- ▶ Large no. of NGOs , companies and farmer's organizations are joining the organic movement.
- ▶ Government policies to support organic agriculture(central / state level)
- ▶ Domestic Organic Standards
- ▶ Domestic Organic markets is growing
- ▶ Emerging indigenous CBs



CHALLENGES : R & D

- ▶ **Agriculture universities, Agricultural research institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras**
- ▶ **Organic package of practices specific to the crop and region**
- ▶ **Research on organic inputs**
- ▶ **Standardize the technologies and transfer to the farmers**



OUR STRATEGIES

- ▶ **Cover more small holder groups under certification.**
- ▶ **Development of OA on project mode .**
- ▶ **Replication of such projects**
- ▶ **Capacity building (CBs,NGOs,Extension workers)**
- ▶ **More countries recognition of NPOP**
- ▶ **World leader of Organic products**
- ▶ **Maintain credibility in accreditation, certification & production**



MOVE TOWARDS CREDIBILITY

“ We believe in quality and work for it ”

Thank you