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Notice

Subject - "Inviting applications for Accreditation of Certification Bodies under Bharat GAP Certification Scheme".

Keeping in view of the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides which adversely affects soil health, the environment and food quality, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India has decided to launch a Voluntary Certification Scheme for promotion and adoption of Good Agricultural Practices under the Programme "BHARAT GOOD AGRICULTURE PRACTICES (Bharat GAP)". The National Horticulture Board shall act as the Secretariat for the Bharat GAP programme. Detailed information regarding the Bharat GAP programme and its operation manual can be seen at NHB Website.

In this context, the National Horticulture Board (NHB), as the secretariat of Bharat Good Agricultural Practices (Bharat GAP) certification programme, invites applications for accreditation of Certification Bodies, as per the eligibility requirement outlined for the Bharat GAP certification Programme. The minimum eligibility criteria for accreditation are attached herewith for reference.

Eligible agencies that are accredited under ISO-17065 or authorised for IndGAP by the Quality Council of India (QCI) are invited to apply to NHB for accreditation under Bharat GAP certification scheme, using the prescribed format

The detailed procedure for accreditation of Certification Bodies under Bharat GAP certification scheme can be seen in Chapter 4 of Bharat GAP Certification manual which is available on the NHB website.

The stated procedure of Accreditation of Certification Bodies under Bharat GAP certification scheme is an open and continuous process to be pursued until any further amendment/orders by NHB.

Detailed information in this regard may be obtained from NHB's website at <https://www.nhb.gov.in/BharatGAP.aspx>

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