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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority (APEDA)**  
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Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous body of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, New Delhi invites applications from HACCP certification and implementation agencies for complying HACCP recognition criteria of APEDA for implementation and certification of HACCP in export units.

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**INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP  
FOR DEVELOPING NEW HACCP IMPLEMENTATION AGENCIES AND  
CERTIFICATION AGENCIES RECOGNIZED BY APEDA**

**1. INTRODUCTION:**

With an expanding world economy, liberalization of food trade, growing customer demand, developments in food science and technology and improvements in transport and communication, international trade in fresh and processed food will continue to increase.

Access of countries, to food export markets will continue to depend on their capacity to meet the regulatory requirements of exporting countries, creating and sustaining demand for their food products in world markets relies on building the trust and confidence of importers and consumers in the integrity of their food system. Agriculture production being the focal point of the economies of most developing countries, food protection measures is essential.

Apart from food laws and regulations, inspections, monitoring and testing a risk based preventive approach is required because it is impossible to provide adequate protection to the consumer merely by sampling and analyzing the final product. The introduction of preventive measures at all stages of the food production and distribution chain rather than only inspection and rejection at the final stage makes better economic sense because unsuitable product can be identified earlier along the chain. Expectations of importing countries are increasing as the EU food safety strategy covers not just safe food but also animal health & animal welfare and plant health. The strategy ensures that the food is traceable as it moves from farm through table even if it crosses national and international boundaries. As per WHO food safety program global key food safety concerns include:

- Spread of microbiological hazards including such bacteria as *Salmonella* or *E.Coli*
- Chemical Food contaminants
- Assessment of new food technologies such as genetically modified food.
- Strong food safety system in most countries to ensure a safe global food chain.
- Unsafe food causes many acute and life long diseases, ranging from diarrhea diseases taken together kill about 2.2 million people annually, 1.9 million of them are children.

In view of the above facts, to strengthen the food safety in Indian export market APEDA is planning to have some more HACCP certification and Implementation agencies in its panel. Criteria for selection of implementation agencies is given as under where as criteria for recognition of certification agencies is given in APEDA website under the head “Quality”

**2. CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HACCP IMPLEMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION AGENCIES AND THEIR AUDITORS:**

In view of the above facts, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) invites applications from the HACCP implementation agencies for implementing HACCP in export units. Initially, the criteria for recognition and development of

HACCP implementation agencies and their auditors shall be governed by the followings. The implementation auditors shall have to meet the criteria given at APEDA website under Quality within a period of six months:

- (i) Core Qualification of the implementation auditors includes either a degree in any of the following:
  - Food Technology
  - Food Chemistry
  - Food Microbiology
  - Food and nutrition
  - Dairy Technology
  - Veterinary sciences (For meat, poultry and other animal products).
- (ii) Implementation of HACCP done in minimum 5 food processing industries.

Implementation agencies meeting the above mentioned criteria shall apply on the given format (Form-1) on or **before 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010**. Short listed agencies have to submit a fee of Rs 5000(non refundable) in the form of Demand draft drawn in favor of APEDA New Delhi along with an Implementation log sheet.

APEDA shall reserve right to select HACCP implementation agency and their auditors based on its requirements for further development of these agencies and cancel the entire concept

### 3. **PROCEDURE FOR RECOGNITION:**

Initially the implementation agency application shall be given the recognition based on the above mentioned criteria but after the stipulated time period they shall have to comply with the criteria given as HACCP recognition scheme at APEDA website under the head “Quality”. Where as in case of certification agency recognition procedure given in HACCP recognition scheme at APEDA website under the head “Quality” will be followed. Short listed applicants will be called for an interactive workshop at APEDA office to meet the following objectives. **The date of the workshop shall be communicated to the short listed agencies through an E-mail or letter.**

### 4. **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:** The objectives of the program are as:

- (i) To develop a appropriate number of implementation agencies to attain the criteria in place within stipulated time.
- (ii) To make the delegates aware about the need for implementing HACCP in export units.
- (iii) To make the delegates aware about the role of APEDA in export of food products.

- (iv) To make the delegates aware about accreditation system and registration as HACCP consultants available in the country and overseas.
- (v) To strengthen the skills/knowledge of implementation bodies on HACCP principles, risk assessment, documentation and implementation of HACCP.
- (vi) To develop more business opportunities for HACCP certification and implementation bodies in Indian export market.

**5. VENUE:**

APEDA, NCUI Building, 3 Siri Institutional Area August Kranti Marg New Delhi 110016

**Interactive workshop for HACCP implementation and Certification agencies**

10:00 am-10:30am	Welcome note
10:30am-10:45am	Tea Break
10:45am-11:30am	APEDA in food safety of export Product
11:30 am-12:00am	Accreditation system for certification agencies
12:00am-12:30am	Registration of Implementation agencies
12:30 am-1:00 pm	Business Opportunities for CBs and IB s in Exports
1:00pm-1:45pm	Lunch
1:45 pm-2:15 pm	Focus Area for HACCP system
2:15 pm-2:45 pm	Discussion
2:45 pm-3:00 pm	Valedictory session
3:00pm	Tea

**FORMAT FOR APPLICATION FOR GRANT /RENEWAL OF RECOGNITION OF  
HACCP IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY**

(When filling this application, please ensure that all sections are completed in all respects and all requested information is correctly and honestly provided. Incomplete application, hand written application will be summarily rejected)

1	Name and address of applicant	
2	Telephone No. Fax No. E-Mail address	
3	Name of Chief Executive	
4	Year of foundation	
5	Legal status of agency	
6	List of implementation auditors	
7	Copy of CVs and other testimonials of implementation auditors	
8	Registration with NABET, etc. if any	
9	Details of fee structure offered to operators	

**DECLARATION**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ declare that I/we have read and understood the implementation and certification procedures and have complied with the same in respect of my/our agency.

**UNDERTAKING**

I \_\_\_\_\_ also agree to follow the conditions of recognition stated in the scheme and also agree to abide by any instructions that may be issued by APEDA in this respect from time to time and get my above agency inspected whenever called on to do so by the Authority. I also understand that non-compliance will entail cancellation of Recognition certificate issued to my/our agency.

**VERIFICATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is complete and correct and that I agree to abide by the conditions laid down in this behalf.

DATE:  
PLACE:

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY:  
NAME & DESIGNATION: