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Revised PGS-INDIA Certification & Marketing of Organic Produce



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Organic Certification

Quality assurance System for organic products produced by the farmers

Organic Farming with Organic Standards practices



Verification by Field
Inspection & Documentation

Decision

Certificate and use of Logos



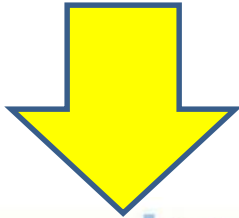
Why Certification is Required

- Trust
- Identity
- Quality
- Guarantee
- unique
- Owner ship
- Brand
- Consumer acceptance



Organic Certification

1. Third party Guarantee system

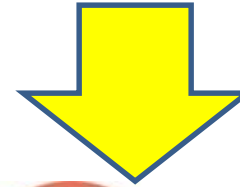


For Export

APEDA
Ministry of Commerce
Government of India

Certification Bodies /
Accreditation Agencies

2. Participatory Guarantee System – INDIA



For Local Market

INM Division, DAC & FW
Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare
Government of India

Regional Councils

FSS (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017

- Section 22 of the Food Safety Standards Act, 2006 has the provision to regulate manufacture, distribute, sell or import “**organic foods**” which have been defined as food products that have been produced in accordance with specified organic production standards.
- Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) Regulations, 2017 based on two systems of certification i.e. **National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)** and **Participatory Guarantee System (PGS-India)** have been notified in the Gazette of India on 29.12.2017.
- All the Organic Food Business Operator shall comply with all the provisions of these **Regulations** **by 1st July, 2018.**



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LIST OF ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODIES UNDER NPOP

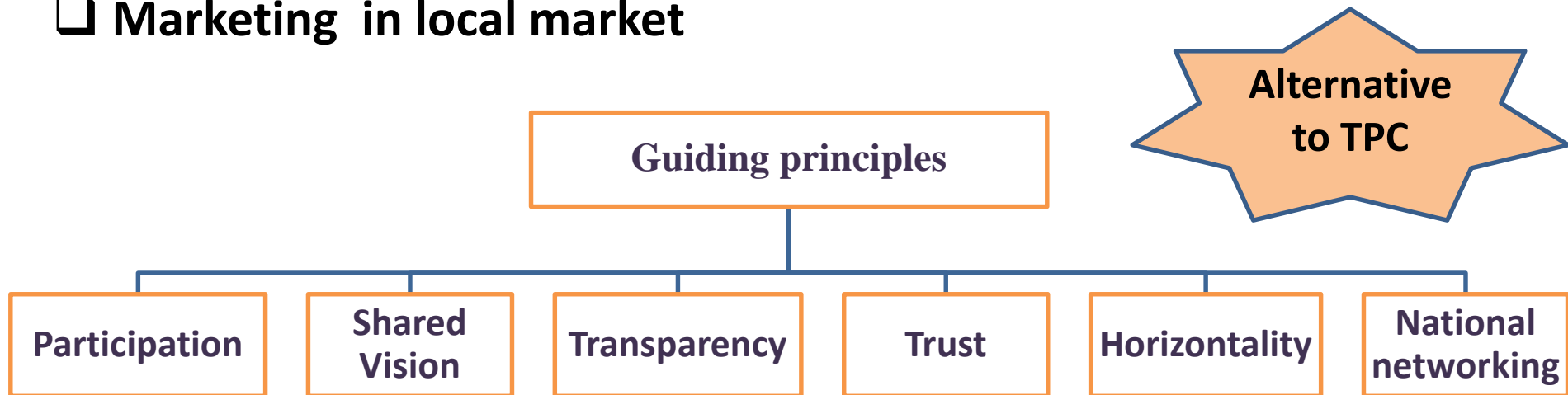
1. **Bureau Veritas Certification India (BVCI) Pvt. Ltd.**, Andheri (East), Mumbai Maharashtra
2. **ECOCERT India Pvt. Ltd.**, Gurgaon , Haryana
3. **IMO Control Pvt. Ltd.**, Bangalore
4. **Indian Organic Certification Agency, (INDOCERT), Cocchin, Kerala**
5. **Lacon Quality Certification Pvt. Ltd.**, Thiruvalla - 689 101 (Kerala
6. **OneCert Asia Agri Certification (P) Ltd.**, Jaipur-302020, Rajasthan
7. **SGS India Pvt. Ltd**, Gurgaon-122016 Haryana
8. **Control Union Certifications**, Navi Mumbai
9. **Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency, (USOCA)**, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
10. **APOF Organic Certification Agency (AOCA)**, Banglore
11. **Rajasthan Organic Certification Agency (ROCA)**, Janpath, Rajasthan
12. **Vedic Organic Certification Agency**, Hyderabad, Telangana
13. **ISCOP (Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products)**, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
14. **Food Cert India Pvt. Ltd**, Telangana, India
15. **Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd**, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru
16. **Chhattisgarh Certification Society, India (CGCERT)**, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
17. **Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department (TNOCD)**, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
18. **Intertek India Pvt. Ltd.** Mathura Road, New Delhi
19. **Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency**, Bhopal , Madhya Pradesh
20. **Odisha State Organic Certification Agency (OSOCA)**, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
21. **Natural Organic Certification Agro Pvt. Ltd.**, Maharashtra State
22. **Fair Cert Certification Services Pvt. Ltd.**, Madhya Pradesh
23. **Gujarat Organic Products Certification Agency (GOPCA)**, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
24. **Uttar Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency**, Lucknow , Uttar Pradesh
25. **Karnataka State Organic Certification Agency**, Hebbal, Bengaluru
26. **Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA)**, Gangtok, Sikkim
27. **Global Certification Society**, Palampur , Himachal Pradesh
28. **GreenCert Biosolutions Pvt. Ltd**, Runwal Meadow, Warje Pune
29. **Telangana State Organic Certification Authorit**, 1st Floor. 5-10-193, Opp. Public Garden Hyderabad
30. **Bihar State Seed and Organic Certification Agency (BSSOCA)** Mithapur Farm, Patna 800 001
31. **Reliable Organic Certification Organization** Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -560064
32. **Bhumaatha Organic Certification Bureau (BOCB)** ,Bengaluru 560078, karnataka, india



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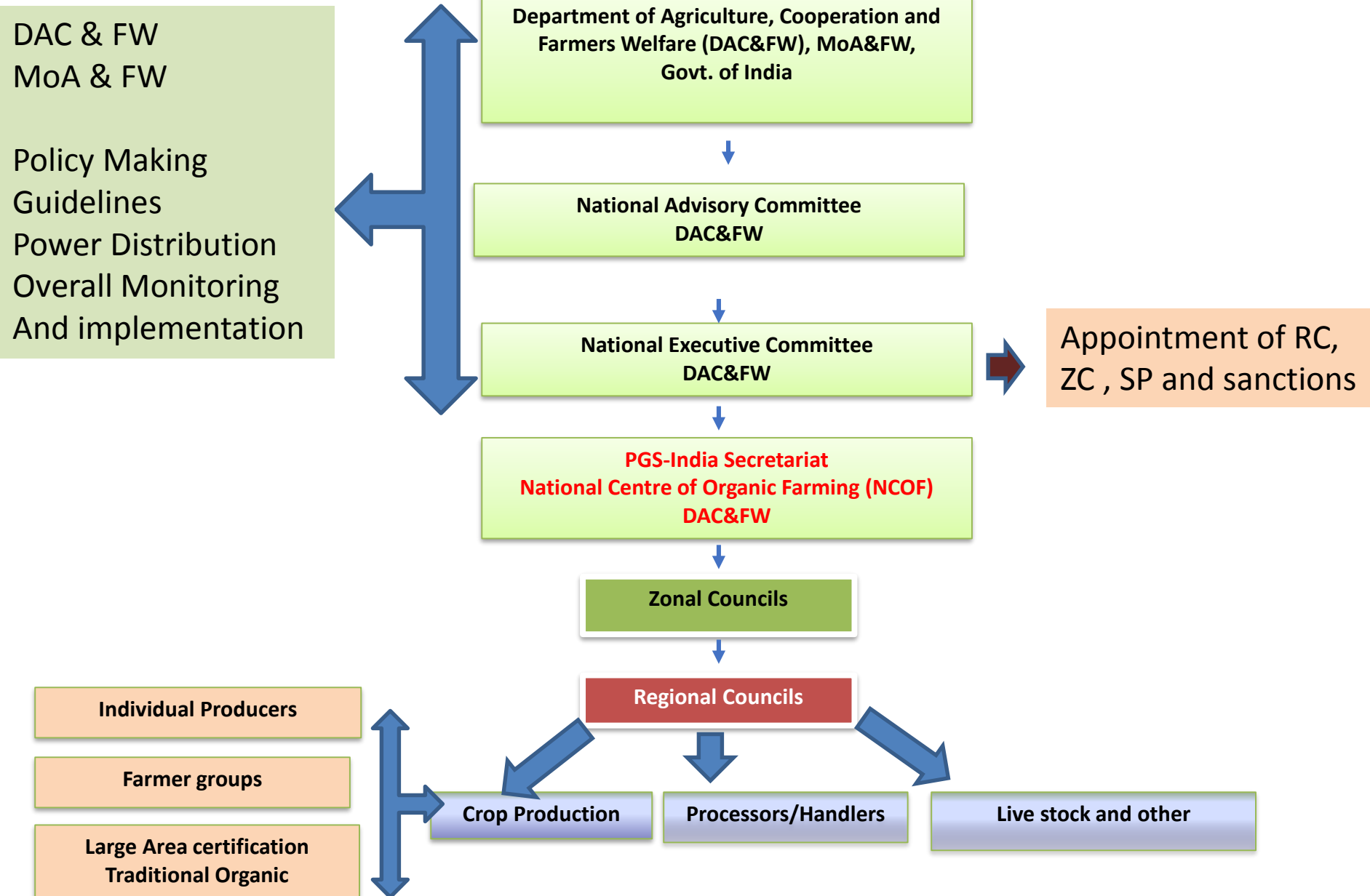
Participatory Guarantee System –India (PGS-INDIA)

- ❑ Local based quality assurance system
- ❑ Ensure products produced by local farmers following PGS Standards
- ❑ Mainly involves Documentation, inspection and decision making by local farmers itself or with stake holders
- ❑ Which is finally endorsed by RC by issuing certificate
- ❑ Marketing in local market



Farmers are owners of the programme and farmers based decision and certification system

PGS- India - Operational Structure



Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Government of India

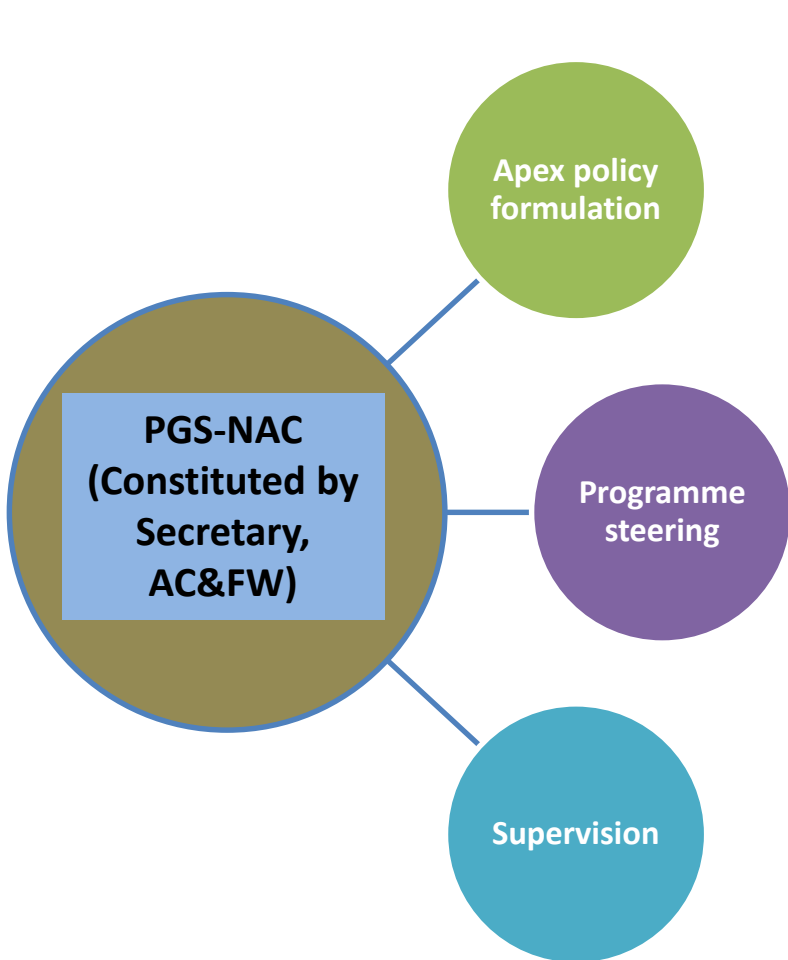


The PGS-India shall be operated under the overall guidance, directions and authority of the DAC&FW, GOI

The Secretary, AC & FW shall be the overall controlling authority.

PGS-INDIA

National Advisory Committee (PGS-India NAC)



Members
shall be
drawn from

**Additional
Secretary,
DAC&FW
Chairperson**

- DAC&FW –JS (INM)-Member Secretary
- DAH&D
- FSSAI
- Dept. of Commerce
- ICAR
- PGS Secretariat
- Other Government or private organizations having experience in organic farming

All members of the Government Departments and organizations shall be Ex-officio members.

NAC shall meet at least **once a year or as and when required**

PGS-INDIA NAC : Major Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. Defining operational and policy guidelines and PGS India Standards.**
- 2. Make changes, improvements and amendments to the programme and national coordination structure as a whole.**
- 3. Constitution of National Executive Committee**
- 4. Steering and supervision of implementation of PGS-India programme at national level.**
- 5. Delegation of authority and responsibilities to NEC and PGS-India secretariat**
- 6. Policy coordination, convergence and coherence with other certification systems and regulatory bodies.**

PGS-National Executive Committee (PGS-NEC)

Joint Secretary
(INM), DAC&FW
Chairperson

Additional Commissioner (INM) Member

Director, NCOF Executive Secretary

Head, Zonal Council (RCOFs) 2Nos Member

Head Zonal Council (Non-Govt) Member

Representative APEDA Member

Representative FSSAI Member

Representative DAH & D Member

RCs Representative 4 No
Member (one from each region)

Farmers representative 4 No Member
(one from each region)

Programme
implement
ation

Monitoring

Evaluation

Decision

PGS-NEC : Major Roles and Responsibilities

PGS-NEC being apex implementation, monitoring and evaluation and decision making body shall be responsible for:

- a. Overall monitoring and supervision**
- b. Drafting policies, suggest modifications and amendments to PGS.**
- c. National level capacity building, education, outreach and supervision activities.**
- d. Delegation of authority and duties to PGS-India Secretariat**
- e. Selection and Authorization of Zonal and Regional Councils**
- f. Supervision and monitoring on the functioning of Zonal and Regional Councils**
- g. Sanction/ withdrawal of authorization to Zonal/ Regional councils on being found not functioning or not functioning according to the guidelines.**
- h. Constitute technical and evaluation/ surveillance committees and assign responsibilities**

PGS-INDIA SECRETARIAT – NCOF

Director, NCOF, PGS-INDIA Executive Secretary

Major Roles and Responsibilities



- ❑ Implementation of the decisions of NAC and NEC
- ❑ evaluation and surveillance visits, annual supervision , assessment of RC, NC, LGs
- ❑ Capacity building, education, training and outreach activities for Zonal and Regional councils.
- ❑ Custodian of entire PGS India database, PGS-India portal and its Operationalization
- ❑ Receipt and processing of applications for Zonal Councils and Regional Councils
- ❑ Appellate authority for local groups against the actions and decisions of Zonal councils and for Regional Councils against the action of Zonal council.
- ❑ Literature development, publicity, technology dissemination and awareness creation through print and electronic media

Zonal Council

9 RCOFs are ZCs

NAC can nominate any other competent organization as ZC

Major role and responsibilities

❖ RCOF, HQ- GHAZIABAD Delhi, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh
❖ RCOF, BENGALURU Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Lakshdweep
❖ RCOF, BHUBANESWAR Orissa, Sikkim and Andman & Nicobar
❖ RCOF, PANCHKULA Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir
❖ RCOF, IMPHAL Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura
❖ RCOF, JABALPUR Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand
❖ RCOF, NAGPUR Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh,
❖ RCOF, PATNA Bihar, West Bengal and Eastern U.P
❖ RCOF GANDHINAGAR Gujrat Daman Diu, Dadar Nagar Haveli, Go

capacity building & Monitoring of Regional Councils functions .
Submission of quarterly/annual report to PGS secretariat

Appellate authority on complaints of certificate denial by RC or sanctions imposed by RC on local groups

Appellate authority on complaints of traders/retailers/ consumers on the quality/ organic integrity of PGS products for action / inaction of RC

Monitoring of PGS products through residue testing.

Any other activity assigned by NEC and PGS-India Secretariat.

Provision of Certification module under PGS INDIA

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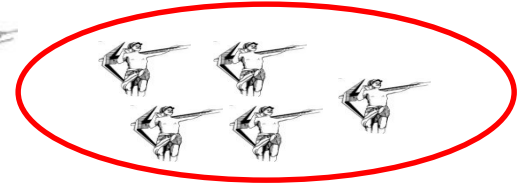
Crop Production module

2

Processor and Handlers

3

Animal Husbandry & Others : Live stock, beekeeping, Poultry etc.,

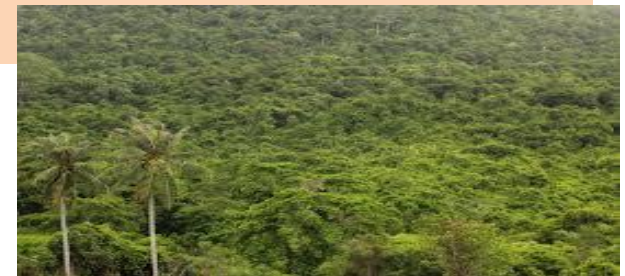
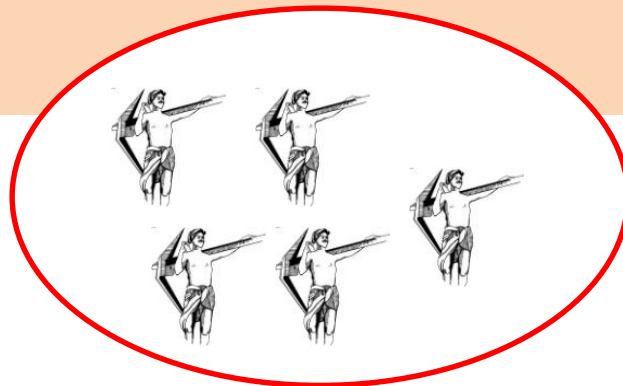


Certification module for Crop production

**Individual
certification**

**Group
Certification**

**Large Area
certification**



Step 1 : Awareness

a. Organic farming

- **Principle and Package and practices**
- **Land Preparation**
- **Seed/Seedling**
- **Crop Selection/Cropping Patterns**
- **Soil Improvement**
- **Plant Protection**
- **Plant growth promotion**
- **Animal husbandry**
- **Natural Resource management**
- **Increasing Diversity**
- **Updating knowledge and leadership qualities**

b. PGS certification

- **PGS-INDIA Standards and guidelines**
- **PGS certification Process**
- **Online Registration**
- **Documentation and Inspection**
 - a. Meeting Register**
 - b. Training Register**
 - c. Peer inspection of fields**
- **Labeling and online Marketing**

Organize regular training courses by inviting practicing organic farmers from other groups, RC members or experts of other State Govt and Non-Govt agencies.

Step 2 : Formation of LGs and Selection of Group leader /Lead Resource person

- Minimum 5 members belonging to same village or close by villages with continuous territory.
- No area restriction
- size of holding of any individual farmer should not exceed one third of the total land under the group.
- parallel production and part conversion is not allowed, their entire farm with livestock under organic management as per the PGS standards.
- At least few members of the group shall be well versed with the PGS organic guarantee systems or certification system and National Standards of Organic Production (NPOP)
- Elect Lead resource person / Leader of group
- Documentation and registration

Step 3 : Registration under PGS-INDIA Certification system

Registration document :

Major :

- Application Form
- Organic Pledge
- Farm History Sheet
- Identity proof,
- Land records/details
(Pani/Patta/Naksha/GPS)

Registration document to be submitted by LG:

- Application Form to RC
 - Agreement copy
 - Terms of Reference for Operation
 - Endorsement
- All the members signed organic pledge and commit to follow NSOP standards



Unique Identification Number

Entry into PGS INDIA system and certification

Step 4 : Training

a. Organic farming practices

- Land Preparation
- Seed/Seedling
- Crop Selection/Cropping Patterns
- Soil Improvement
- Plant Protection
- Plant growth promotion
- Animal husbandry
- Natural Resource management
- Increasing Diversity
- Updating knowledge and leadership qualities

b. PGS certification system

- PGS-INDIA Standards
- Labeling and Marketing
- PGS certification and marketing
- Online uploading data
- Maintenance of Registers
 - a. Meeting Register
 - b. Training Register
 - c. Peer inspection of fields

- Make sure **50% of its members** attend training/ demonstrations must be attended by more than.
- **least two such programs** are attended by each and every group member in a year .
- other LG members, practicing organic farmers, RC members or experts of other State Govt and Non-Govt agencies in such training programs

Training Register
PGS-INDIA Organic Certification and Quality control
<http://pgsindia-ocqf.gov.in>

Local Group Name: _____
Local Group Code No. _____
Address: _____
Regional Council Name: _____
Starting Year: _____ Ending Year: _____

Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
PARAMPARAGAT KISAN VIKAS YODANA (PKVY)
PGS/IOA organic Certification & Quality control

Step5 : Meeting

- ❑ Organize time to time meetings and maintain attendance register. Participation of members in these meetings is a mandatory activity and is an indication of dedication of the member to the cause of group's guarantee scheme.

- ❑ compulsory meeting least 2-4 times a year : 2 for perennial crop group
: 4 times a year for annual crop
One/two for peer appraisal planning and one/two for decision making.

- ❑ Every member needs to **attend at least 50% of the** meetings in a year and sign in attendance register.

- ❑ Advise each other and share information to improve the capacity of the group as a whole.

Step6 : Adoption of organic farming practices and documentation

LG need to maintain following documents for verification by RC/ ZC or PGS

Secretariat:

1.Registration documents

- Application form of each member with last one year's farm history
- Copy of PGS-India organic pledge of each member
- Copy of agreement with RC

2.Meeting Register

3. Training Register

4. Peer inspection & Summary decision : Copy of individual peer appraisal sheets for last four seasons (24 months) till the physical inspection by RC

- Copy of peer appraisal summary sheet (season-wise as submitted to RC)

5.Organic farming system plans : POPs adopted

Step7 : Peer Inspection

Ten point evaluation for organic farming standards

1. Habitat management
2. Diversity
3. Integration of Livestock
4. Soil and water conservation
5. Contamination control*
6. Seed and planting material*
7. Fertilization*
8. Pest management*
9. Cleaning of equipment / tools*
10. Storage and transport*

- Once in every crop season in LGS /Individual farmer case
- In LAAC : once in a year

Sanctions to farmers

Minor faults :

remedial action (1 to 4 No.)

- Sanctioned for one season

Major faults :

Sanctioned for one year (5 to 10)

- Exclude from the group
- Status's – Down graded to PGS Green
- No Organic Certification

Peer assessment subject	Inspection <u>Name</u> of <u>farmer</u> done faults / not followed standards	Recommen ded advisory points	Details of advisory points
1. Habitat Management			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No diversity plantations – Need integration of diversity plantations for diversified habitat creation 2. No rain water conservation – Measures needed to harvest and conserve rainwater 3. Split production – Non-organic farm area should also be brought under organic Parallel production – Produce of same crop in organic and non-organic to be handled with adequate measures and no parallel production to be taken in future 4. Other Reason specify :.....
2. Diversity			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only mono cropping done – Mono cropping to be replaced with multi-cropping from next season 2. Intercropping and crop rotations not being followed – Integrate legume intercropping and adopt 3-4 years crop rotations in each plot 3. Green manuring not done – Take up green manuring atleast once in 2-3 years 4. Organic manures not being used – Use organic manures in appropriate quantity to maintain soil fertility 5. Other Reason please specify:.....

Peer assessment subject	Inspection subject	<u>Name of farmer</u> done faults /not followed standards	Recommended advisory points	Details of advisory points
3. Integration of Live Stock				1. No livestock – Maintain livestock to meet dung-urine requirements 2. Using livestock products from off-farm sources – Threat to integrity. Maintain your own livestock 3. Other Reason specify :.....
4. Soil and water conservation				1. Management is prone to soil erosion – Integrate conservation measures to avoid soil erosion 2. Practices pose threat for soil and water contamination – Avoid practices contributing to soil and water contamination 3. Burning of crop residue/ biomass on fields – No biomass burning to be done from next season 4. Clearing of forest for cultivation – It is prohibited activity. The yield of the affected area will not qualify for organic 5. Other Reason specify :.....

Peer assessment subject	Inspection Name of farmer done faults /not followed standards	Recommended advisory points	Details of advisory points
5. Contamination Control			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prone to rain water contamination but so far no signs of contamination – Minor non-compliance - raise protective bunds 2. Evidences of rain water contamination from conventional fields – Major non-compliance 3. No or inadequate buffer zone – major non-compliance 4. Storing harvested/ final produce in same storage without adequate separation but are identified separately – Improve storage conditions with well-defined separations – Minor non-compliance 5. Storage conditions inadequate and pose threat to integrity – Major non-compliance 6. Used same threshing floor/ farm machinery without cleaning – Major non-compliance 7. Other Reason specify:.....
6. Seed and Planting Materials			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Used non-organic seeds with chemical treatment – Major non-compliance 2. Used purchased seed but no clarity on chemical treatment – Major non-compliance 3. Used purchased seed, not treated but did not got approval of group – Minor non-compliance – Please follow standard norms in future 4. Used GMO seeds/planting material – major non-compliance 5. Other Reason specify :.....

Peer assessment subject	Inspection Name of farmer done faults /not followed standards	Recommended advisory points	Details of advisory points
7. Fertilization			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Off-farm compost/ organic manure used without verification of quality – Major non-compliance 2. Compost/ dung-urine slurry was made on-farm not fermented/ composted fully – Minor non-compliance – Fermentation process should be followed in future 3. Off farm inputs used but do not have detail/ approval for its compliance to standards – Major non-compliance 4. Suspected use of chemical fertilizer – Major non-compliance 5. Suspected use of prohibited substances (hormones, off farm input contaminated with chemicals or off-farm input of undefined composition and not approved under NPOP – Major non-compliance 6. Suspected usage of fertilizing product having GMO ingredients/ raw materials 7. Suspected usage of sewage/ sludge, human excreta or their products – Major non-compliance 8. Human excreta found in field – Minor non-compliance – Take adequate measures 9. Other Reason specify :.....

Peer Inspection assessment subject	<u>Name of farmer</u> done faults /not followed standards	Recommended advisory points	Details of advisory points
8. Pest Management			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suspected use of chemical pesticide, hormones, growth promoters or any other prohibited substance – Major Non-compliance 2. Used purchased organic pesticide but not approved under NPOP – Major non-compliance 3. Use of formulation having ingredients from GMO source – Major non-compliance 4. Use of chemical fumigants in storage – Major non-compliance 5. Other Reason specify :.....
9. Cleaning of tools and equipment's			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Agricultural equipment's, tools, ware houses, stores, handling area, processing units etc are decontaminated 2. Entire operating and handling area of products after harvest is kept free from pests and contamination through proper cleaning / washing 3. Other Reason specify :.....

Peer Inspection assessment subject	<u>Name of farmer</u> done faults /not fallowed standards	Recommended advisory points	Details of advisory points
10. Storage and Transport			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organic products shall not be stored and transported together with inorganic 2. No synthetic preservatives, chemicals, fumigants etc or storage aid shall be used 3. Bulk stores for organic product should be separate from conventional product stores and clearly labeled to that effect 4. Material used for packaging not contaminating organic food Products unless there is no chances of contamination or co-mingling 5. The packages shall be closed in such a manner that substitution of the content cannot be achieved without manipulation or damage of the seal 6. Separate storage in time and space both for inputs and farm produce is maintained 7. Other Reason specify :.....

12 <u>List of Non Compiling members (members found non Standards)</u>			
	Name of farmers	Major or Minor faults (Point 1 to 6 : Considered as Minor : PGS green status varies, it can be reduced Point 7 to 10 : considered as Major no certificate will be issued)	Status of conversion period as per last scope certificate (PGS Green 1/2/3/4/5/6 or PGS Organic)
	<u>1</u>		
	<u>2</u>		
	<u>3</u>		
	<u>4</u>		
	<u>5</u>		
13	Date of summary decision submission		

Declaration:- We the members/ decision committee members of the local group, hereby declare that we have evaluated all the peer appraisal sheets for each and every member and presented the observations after thorough evaluation. We the members/ decision committee members of the local group, Hereby declare that the entire PGS-India procedures have been applied in true spirit without any bias and partiality in an independent and transparent manner. We the members/ decision committee members of the local group, Understand that if any information is found not to be true then the certification status of the entire group will be liable to be cancelled.

Signature of Group Leader
Name of group Leader

Non-Compliance Guidelines

“Catalogue of Sanctions”

7.1 Sanction Catalogue for Farmers/ Producers by Local Group

Sanctions are given to farmers by the Local Group as a whole OR by the Local Group's certification committee (if one was created).

Situations	Type of sanction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missing Attendance at a required Field Day• Unsatisfactory production system	Verbal warning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor violations of the standards or regulations• Repeated written warning for similar problem• Not responding to approval conditions	<i>Short Suspension of Certification</i> Period determined by the length of time it takes for the Grower to get a new peer inspection/ consultation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeated minor violations• Clear violation of the standards not threatening the organic integrity of the product	<i>Suspension</i> for a fixed period after until farmer(s) take corrective actions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear violation of the standards threatening the organic integrity of the product eg: use of prohibited pesticides or synthetic fertilisers.	<i>Longer term suspension for 1 year</i> <i>Farmer may be moved back into "In Conversion" status</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeated violations leading to penalties, suspension or withdrawal of approval.• Obvious fraud• Intentional obstruction of the inspection e.g. denying peer appraisers, statutory authority, and Regional Council access.• Refusal to respond to written requests for additional information	<i>Termination of participation</i> Farmer(s) banned from PGS membership either permanently or for a set period of time.

The Right of Appeal

The farmer's can make an appeal to the Regional Council within 2 weeks of the date of notification of the sanction by the Local Group OR to the Local Group as a whole if there is an certification committee that implemented the sanction.

7.2 Sanction Catalogue for Local Group by Regional Council

Sanction given to Local Group as a whole by the Regional Council for repeated non-compliances or violations of standards.

Situations	Type of sanction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incomplete documentation ● Not completing the quota of quarterly meetings and training ● Untimely peer appraisal, delay in submission of summary sheets ● Failing in timely uploading of the data on website 	Minor - Warning and advice for future compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Violations of procedures or regulations detected and LG not taking corrective measures ● Repeated non-compliances and casual approach for compliance ● Not responding to approval conditions/ advisories 	Major - Withholding of decision approval, return of decision till compliances are done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repeated minor violations ● Clear violation of the standards but not threatening the organic integrity of the product 	Major - Denial of certification endorsement or suspension of certification for short period, withholding issue of TCs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clear violation of the standards by the members and LG not taking any action and forwarding the decision with incomplete peer appraisals ● LG decisions are grossly incorrect 	Major - Return the decision, deny certification endorsement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Repeated violations leading to suspension or withdrawal of approval. ● Obvious fraud by the group ● Refusal to respond to written requests for additional information ● Pesticide residue testing becoming positive for pesticides ● Non-continuation and reporting of peer appraisal for more than 12 months 	Certification denial Downgrading the status of the group Deleting the entire produce from PGS-India website for blocking the sale Termination of group either permanently or for a set period of time. Downgrading of certification status to start of conversion period and review with physical inspection within 6 months of [peer appraisal submission

The Right of Appeal

The Local Group can make an appeal to the Zonal Council on the actions of Regional Council within 2 weeks of the date of notification of the sanction by the Regional

7.3 Sanction Catalogue for Regional Council

Sanctions are imposed on the Regional Councils by the PGS Secretariat

Situations	Type of Non-compliance and sanction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not adhering time lines in acceptance of registration, • Refusing for endorsement on LG's request • Not providing documents, guidelines • Not providing any capacity building support and not participating in any peer appraisal of LGs 	Minor – Warning. Multiple warnings may affect renewal adversely
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure in timely certification endorsement • Wrong/ casual certification decision • Detection of faults in certification endorsement/ service during monitoring • Not completing the quota of annual Monitoring 	Major – Warning, followed by defined timeline for compliance Repeated non-compliance may result in suspension for a limited period of time Ban on registering new groups and or transfer of groups to other RC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated casual/ wrong certification process with time delays • Complaints from LGs and trade partners • Detection of conflict of interest or failure in demonstrating independence and impartiality 	Major – Temporary suspension of authorisation by PGS Secretariat followed by investigation with report to NEC for final decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not registration of required no of groups for 12 months and no certification activity for 12 months 	Blocking of access to PGS website by PGS Secretariat and decision on cancellation of authorization by NEC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major violation of PGS procedures against the spirit of the programme, activities leading to disrepute to the programme, colluding LGs and operators for gross violation of PGS-India rules and threatening the integrity 	Temporary suspension of authorisation by PGS Secretariat followed by investigation with report to NEC for final decision on termination.

The Right of Appeal

The RCs can make an appeal to the PGS-NEC within 2 weeks of the date of notification of the sanction. In case of non-satisfaction RCs can appeal to the PGS-

Step8 : Certificate



PGS - India

A Participatory Organic Guarantee Programme
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer Welfare
Govt. of India

Certificate No. - 210000000090
Date of Issue (DD/MM/YYYY) - 15/05/2021

Scope Certificate

This is to certify that the product(s) and area(s) belonging to PGS-India Group
SRI PANCHAPAKSHI MARUTHESHWARA PARAMPARIKA KRUSHI VIKASA SANGHA
Registered with Regional Council No. PGSI/S(KA)-1101
MYSORE GREEN EXPORT PVT. LTD.
are in accordance with requirements of

PGS-India National Standards For Organic Production

For the process of :

"Crop Production"

This Scope Certificate
valid from (DD/MM/YYYY) 15/05/2021 until 14/05/2022
for those farmers' product(s) and area(s) specified in the annexure 92

The validity of this certificate solely depends on the continued compliance with the required standards and PGS-India guidelines.



Signature of PGS India Group Leader
Local Group No. LG0800023422

Authorized by :
MYSORE GREEN EXPORT PVT. LTD.
Regional Council for PGS in KARNATAKA
Authorization No. - PGSI/S(KA)-1101
Date - 15/05/2021



Local Group Name : SRI PANCHAPAKSHI MARUTHESHWARA
PARAMPARIKA KRUSHI VIKASA SANGHA
Local Group Code : LG0800023422
Address : Vill- Ganganhal, Block- KUSHTAGI , Sub-Dist- Kushtagi
, Dist- KOPPAL KARNATAKA

The validity of this certificate solely depends on the continued compliance with the required standards and PGS-India guidelines.

Annexure- 92

Sr. No.	Farmer Name	Farmer Code	Status Logo	Farmer Status	Total Organic Area(Ha)	Crop Year and Season	Crops/Produce
1	Shri ABBANNA	443467		PGS Green 1	1.6	2021 Rabi	1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal] 3: SORGHUM (JOWAR GREAT MILLET) (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]
2	Shri BABUSAB	443243		PGS Green 1	1.72	2021 Rabi	1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal] 3: SORGHUM (JOWAR GREAT MILLET) (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]
3	Shri BARAMANA GOWDA	443318		PGS Green 1	2	2021 Rabi	1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal] 3: SORGHUM (JOWAR GREAT MILLET) (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]
4	Shri BASAPPA	443292		PGS Green 1	1.2	2021 Rabi	1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal] 3: SORGHUM (JOWAR GREAT MILLET) (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]
5	Shri BASAPPA	443312		PGS Green 1	2	2021 Rabi	1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal] 3: SORGHUM (JOWAR GREAT MILLET) (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]
							1: PADDY (DHAN) (Area : 0.200 Ha), [Quantity : 6.000 Quintal] 2: FONTAIL MILLET (Area : 0.100 Ha), [Quantity : 1.000 Quintal]

Step 9 : Actual yield update, Approval and Transactions /marketing



Participatory Guarantee System for India A Symbol of Trust and Authenticity for Organic Products



TRANSACTION CERTIFICATE FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS ISSUED UNDER PGS INDIA PROGRAMME

Transaction Certificate No. : TC180000000002

1.) Group Details

Name : SREE DHARANI
Group Code : LG0900001514
Address : Venganoor , TRIVANDRUM , KERALA

2.) Regional Council

Name : THANAL
RC Code : PGSI/NEC/RC-4584
RC Address : OD-3,JAWAHARNAGAR,KOWDIAR,THIRUVANANTHAPURAM -03 , TRIVANDRUM , KERALA

3.) Seller Details

Name : Shri JAYAKUMARAN
Address : , Venganoor , TRIVANDRUM , KERALA

4.) Buyer Details

Name : OB
Address : ob , Thiruvananthapuram , TRIVANDRUM , KERALA
Registered on PGS-India : No

6.) Sale Details.	Products.	Organic Status	Lot No.	Quantity Sold	Packing details
	AMARANTHUS	PGS-Green	4561562	100.000	2*50.000 =100.000 Kg

7.) Billing Details	Invoice Number	Date
	123	04/05/2021

8.) Sale Purpose	Retal Sale

Declaration

This is to certify that :

- a.) This Transaction Certificate is issued under PGS-India programme for organic products certification. We the members of the Group SREE DHARANI and the selling member Shri JAYAKUMARAN hereby certifies that the product being sold under this certificate complies to the process requirements of PGS-India programme and has been assigned the status as indicated above
- b.) This is an on-line generated certificate and its authenticity can be verified from PGSIndia website at https://pgsindia-ncof.gov.in/consumer_ver.aspx by entering the Transaction certificate Number.
- c.) The above information is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Issued Date: 04/05/2021

Steps of online certification process

Formation of Groups

LG Registration online

Approval of LG by RC

Documentation of training, Meeting

Peer Inspection / Field inspection

Decision on certification and submission to RC

Verification and issue of certificate by RC

Update yield and approval by RC

Transaction and online marketing



Under Conversion

Decision

PGS Logo



Completed converted

Individual Farmer Certification

- Registration process similar to Group
- All activities Directly monitored by RC by itself
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Why Individual certified Introduced in in PGS ??

- **No PGS-India group nearby**
- **No other farmers at beginning interested to form PGS group**
- **Farmer devoid of area and away from others**

- **Regional Councils will assist such farmers in verification of their compliance to PGS-India guarantee process.**

- **Individual producer registration is an interim arrangement and the producer must initiate efforts to bring in other members from the village community to form the group in due course (maximum 2 years) and transform individual status to group status**

Individual Farmer Certification

- 1. Registration requirement : Application from, Organic Pledge , Declaration , Agreement for fees with RC,**
- 2. Agreement for fees : Yes Agreement between RC and Individual famer**
- 3. How to Apply : Online application under PGS-INDIA website**
- 4. Where to submit online & hard copy : RC authorized under PGS**
- 5. Verification of documents and Physical inspection by RC**
- 6. Issue of standards and training to farmer**
- 7. Activate farmers under PGS**
- 8. Peer Inspection : Constitute peer appraisal from the members of LGS near by Individual farmer or RC members directly participate**
- 9. Submission of peer inspection to RC by Individual farmer**
- 10. Generate certificate with estimated yield**
- 11. Update actual yield and submit to RC**
- 12. Verify and approve actual yield by RC**
- 13. Transaction certificate :**
- 14. Sold with FSSAI licence**

India there are large and contiguous areas that are traditionally/ default organic with no history of prohibited input usage

1. State Departments and / or Zonal Council (RCOFs):

Certificate 1: Synthetic chemical inputs like fertilizer, pesticides etc., and Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetically modified seeds not used at least during the last 3years

Certificate 2: Administrative ban on use, sale and supply of GMO seeds, synthetic agro- inputs in the defined area
Forms: all the growers undertake PGS pledge and sign the pledge.

Certificate 3 : Gram panchayat issue endorsement and may pass a resolution for adopting and allowing only organic farming within their geographical limits.

2. Register the area under PGS webportal with required documents – RC/State implementing agency facilitate it

3. Create peer appraisal committees : one peer appraisal committee per each village for annual peer appraisals- RC/State implementing agency facilitate it

4. Complete first peer appraisal and submit peer appraisal summary sheet to RC through online - RC/State implementing agency facilitate it

5. PGS-NEC appoint verification committee visit for ensuring that the defined area is organic since last 3years and issue certificate or pass in meeting minutes and also decide the time reduction for to declare as organic : ZC facilitate this to happen

6 RC upload above document (Point 5) online and verify and generate certificate.

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No for :

1. No individual certification
2. No group certification
3. No certification for Individual farmers and processing and handling units under group
4. No certification processing and handling units for stand alone units away from the groups even though they may be located within the same geographical area.
4. On Single Default : cancel the status of “ Organic “

Yes for :

One Village one Certification

One year one certification

Scope certificate cover whole village members , Whole area, Crops and yield

PGS-India Certification Services and Fees

- PGS-India certification services are facilitated through an institutional network comprising of National Advisory Committee, National Executive Committee, PGS Secretariat, Zonal and Regional Councils and Local groups.
- Although majority of the institutional services are facilitated by the PGS secretariat free of cost, authorization of RCs, physical inspection of LGs by RCs, certification endorsement of LGs by RCs, physical inspection and grant of certification of individual farmers, processing units or large area certification are paid services and necessary fee shall be paid by the users as per the decision of NEC as revised from time to time and/ or as agreed between RCs and LGs and other operators.

Processing and handling

New feature:

Registration of Processor is enabled : Farmers, LG, Individuals away from PGS system

Features

- Stock Entry
- Organic System Plan
- Processing
- Single Ingredient processing
- Multiple ingredient processing
- Packing
- Single Ingredient processing
- Multiple ingredient processing
- Raw material
- Transaction** certificate directly linked product processing and packing
- Peer appraisal enabled**

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(Decentralized Organic Farming Certification System)

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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

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- Administrator Login
- Zonal Council Login
- Regional Council Login
- Local Group Login
- Processor Login**

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Participatory Guarantee System for India
(Decentralized Organic Farming Certification System)

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Welcome : SRINIVAS (Processor Code - PGSOPH000006)

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Organic India

Jaivik Kheti
The new way of healthy living

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One State one Brand

சுழற்சியும் தர்ப்பு விலக்கு உலகம் அதுதான்
உழந்தும் உழவே தலை



KODO MILLET RICE
வரகு அரிசி

The Following is the Nutrition Present in 100 grams of KODO MILLET RICE contains

Nutritional value per 100 g	
Calories	353
Protein	8.3 g
Fat	1.4 g
Fibre	9.0 g
Minerals	2.6 g
Iron	0.5 mg
Phosphorus	188 mg
Calcium	27 mg
Thiamine	0.33 mg
Riboflavin	0.09 mg
Niacin	0.2 mg
Carbohydrate	65.9 g

Source : ICAR Journal of Grain Processing and Storage
Thavalapatty, Paithur - LG1800006545
Attur Taluk, Salem Dist. TAMIL NADU.

PGS India Certified Product.

- Helps in reducing body weight.
- Helps curing stomach ulcers.
- Curative properties for lung Diseases.
- Food Stuff. Not for Medicinal Purposes.

Storage Instruction:
Always store in a cool and dry place.
Away from direct sunlight.

Net Weight : 1 Kg.
Batch No. : PKVY 0001
MRP :
Packed On :

fssai L.No. :

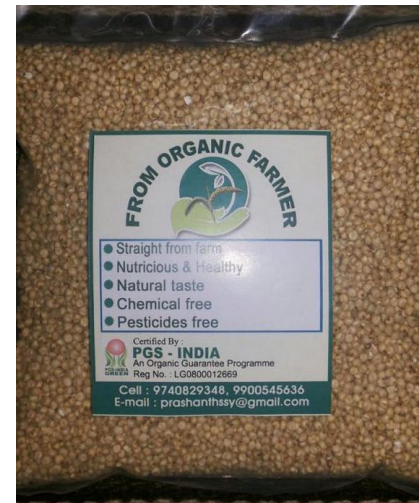
Best use before 6 Months from the date of Packing.

Produced by :
Thavalapatty, Paithur - LG1800006545
Attur Taluk, Salem Dist. TAMIL NADU.

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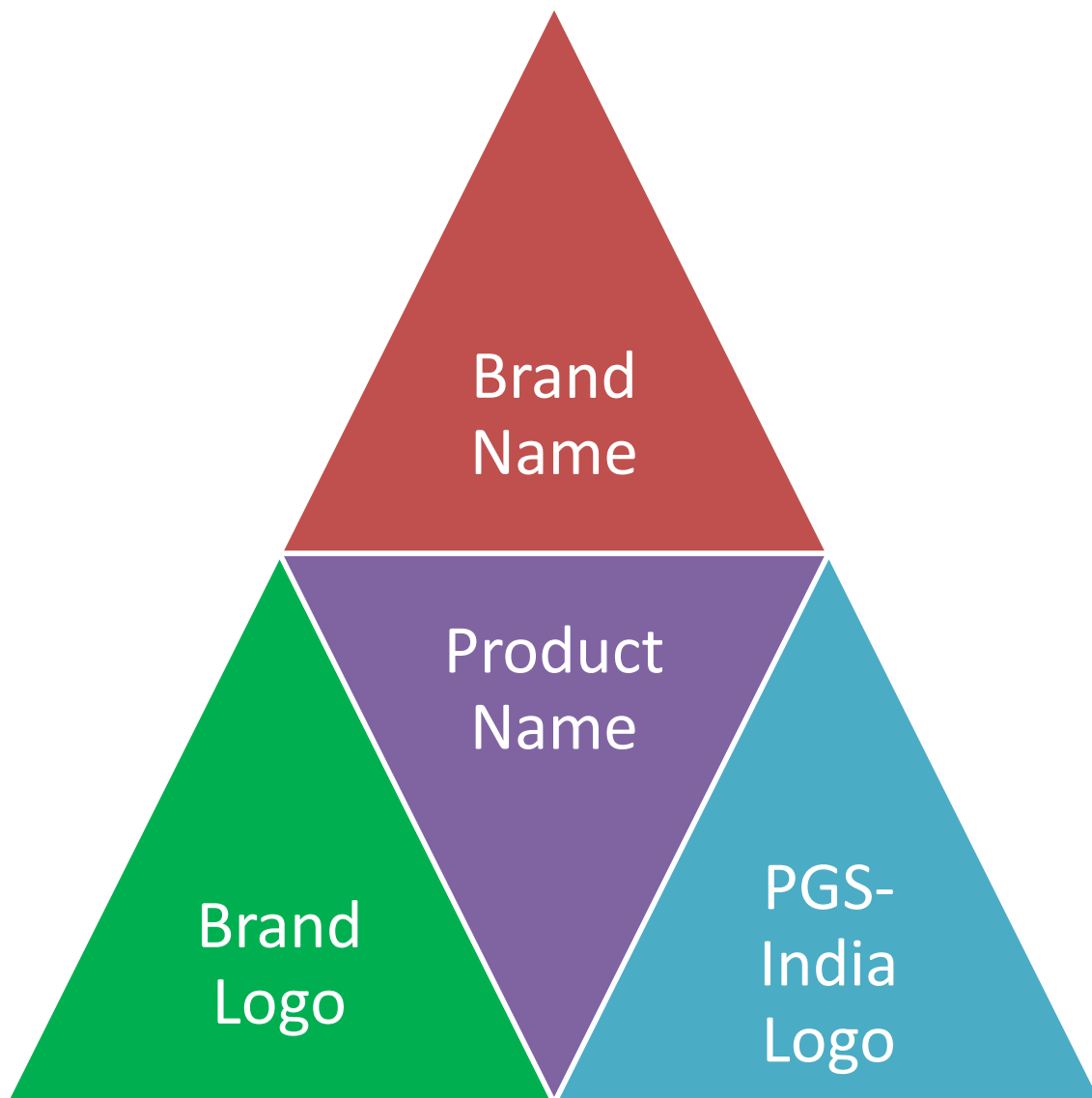
Glimpses of PGS-INDIA Certified Branded Products



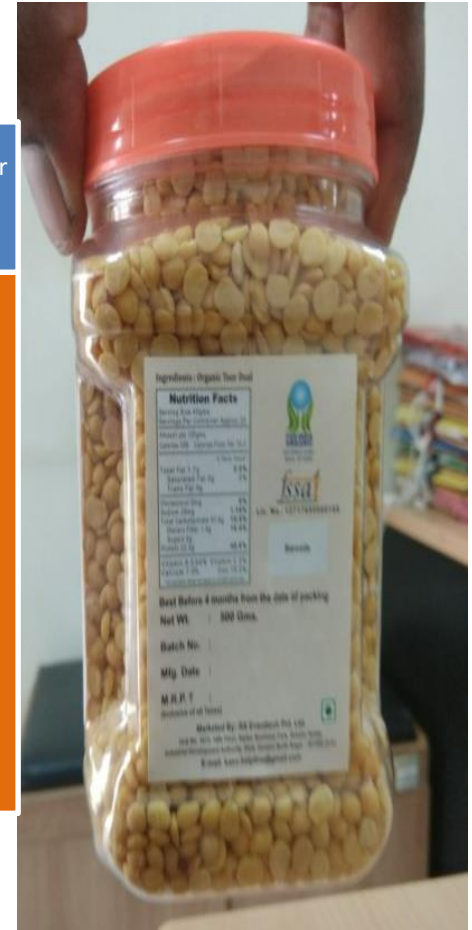
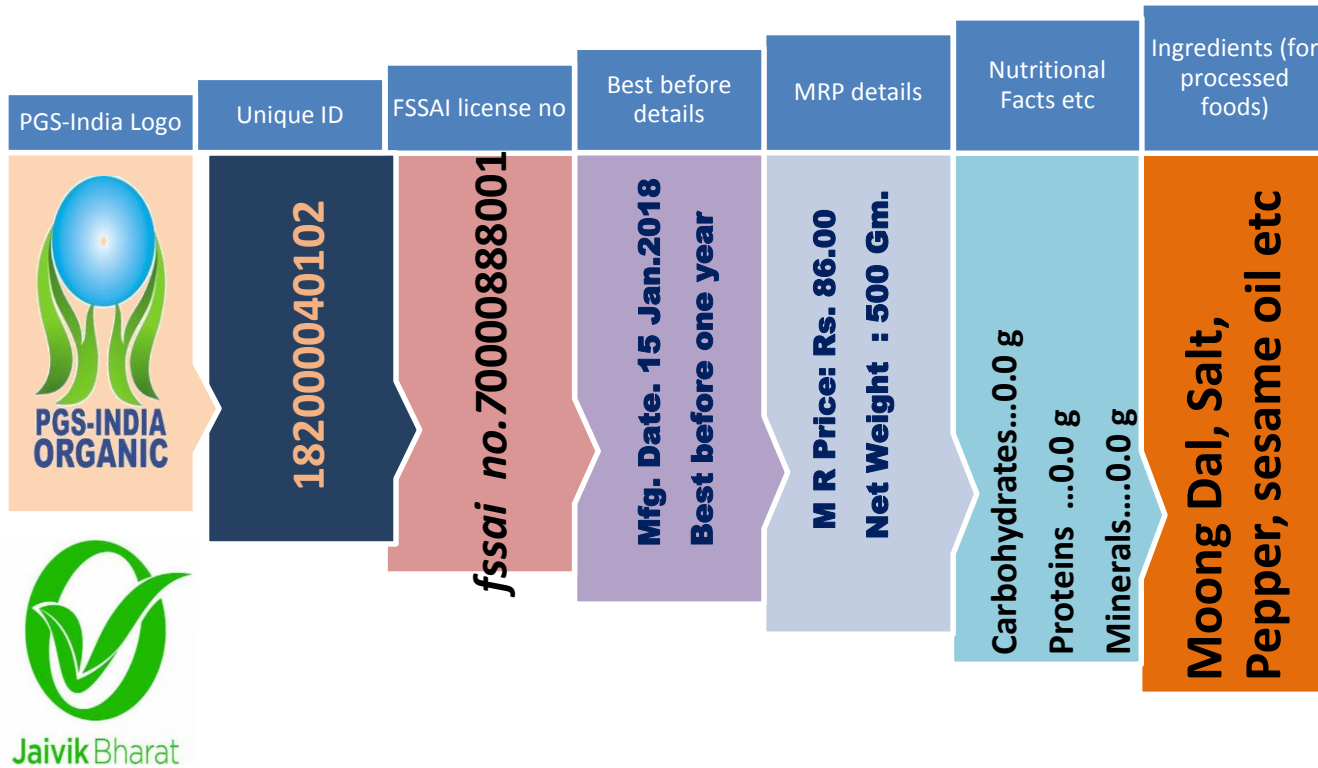
Eg. Organic shop Bail Parao (Kotabagh) Distt Nainital



Label on the front side the pack



Label on backside /around the pack



Unique Id / LG Number/ Transaction No. /Certification No
RC Details

Certification details/status on Labelling of PGS-India Certified products



For verification of the product please visit
https://pgsindia-ncof.gov.in/consumer_ver.aspx



Unique Id/Consumer
verification id
182000040102

For verification of the product please visit
https://pgsindia-ncof.gov.in/consumer_ver.aspx

Note:

PGS-India does not confer any right for use of Jaivik Bharat logo, it has to be permitted by FSSAI registration only

RCs shall approve the labels for use of PGS-India Logo.

Regional Council (RC)
Certifying agency / Organization

**Crop
Production
certification**

**Processor and
Handler**

**Animal Husbandry &
others
Live Stock ,
Bee Keeping etc.,**

**Individual
Farmer**

**Farmer Group
certification**

**Large Area
certification**

Eligibility criteria for appointment of Regional Council

- ❑ It shall be legally registered agency under relevant acts (**Societies act, the companies act, cooperatives act, trust act or any other state or central Government act** in force from time to time).
- ❑ Government Departments/agencies shall be deemed legal entities.
- ❑ Applicant agency and its personals shall have **no conflict of interest** which can hinder or affect the organic guarantee programme inter alia **project management under Government Schemes for organic / natural farming production and marketing of agricultural inputs or farm produce**. However, **not for profit civil society organizations** which are mobilizing and handholding organic farmers shall be **exempted from this clause** provided such organization are not doing organic project management under any Government Schemes.

Eligibility criteria for appointment of Regional Council

- ❑ Agencies or its promoters/ directors undertaking any other forms of business
- ❑ which can have potential conflict of interest with the organic guarantee system shall not be considered
- ❑ Applicant agency or majority of its personals shall have proven record on organic management practices and certification systems for not less than two years.
- ❑ Personals shall have documented knowledge and experience on **organic guarantee/ certification systems and/ or previous experience in supporting Third party certification/ICS management/ Participatory Guarantee Systems for a period of not less than 2 years.**
- ❑ Situated in the area of functioning with office and working personals.
- ❑ Applicant RC shall have documented procedures and policies in the form of quality and operational manuals including formats and checklists for uniform functioning, evaluation and decision making.

Eligibility criteria for appointment of Regional Council

- Have adequate financial resources to operate as Regional Council.
- Have adequate infrastructure and digital support systems
- At least one member is well informed and conversant with local language of that area (reading, writing and speaking)
- Minimum manpower requirement, to start with shall be, **one PGS System Facilitator and PGS Audit-cum-data entry operator.**
- This should increase proportionately with the increase in number of groups under certification

Additional eligibility requirements for RCs undertaking off-farm processing and handling certification

Third party certification bodies accredited under National Programme for Organic Production duly accredited for “Food Processing and handling” on application to PGS Secretariat and have developed policy, procedures and checklists for such operations may be considered for authorization without the requirement of competence assessment

Regional Councils having proven competence and experience in organic certification procedures for food processing and handling and have trained manpower and developed policy, procedures and checklists for such operations after necessary competence assessment by the PGS Secretariat.

Regional Council

How to Apply : Online application under PGS-INDIA website

Where to submit online & hard copy : NCOF , Ghaziabad

Is any fees : Right now Rs.10000/- fees fixed

How long time take to approve : depends on NEC meeting or within 60 days processing

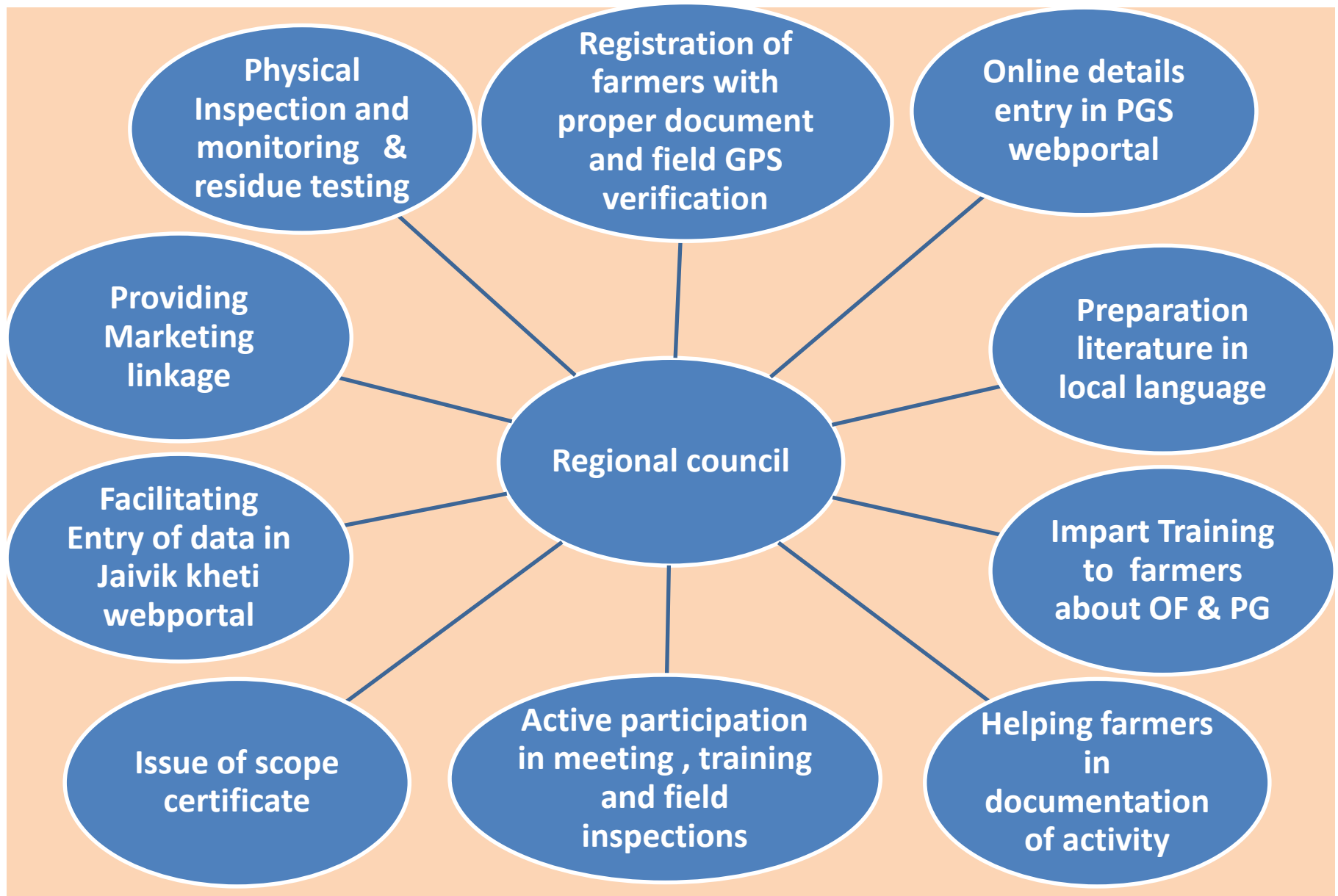
Who will screen application : PGS Secretariat

Who will approve RC : National Executive Committee – Leading JS (INM), DAC & FW, MoA & FW

Issue USER ID and Password to operate under PGS webportal

For how many years RC will approved : For three years after renewal required

Role and responsibility of Regional Council



Facilitating Agencies'/Service providers' Empanelment

“Facilitating Agencies are organizations “that may be helping the PGS-India farmers in handholding, cluster formation, capacity building, marketing, implementation of PKVY/other organic farming schemes/programmes etc.”

Eligibility Criteria for Facilitating Agencies'/Service providers' Empanelment:

1. Legally registered agency
2. Experience Requirement:

Essential: (Any two of the followings)

- (i) Minimum 03 years' experience of Applicant Agency or its personals in– Organic Farming Management, Value addition, knowledge of Certification Systems, Marketing.
- (ii) Minimum 01-year experience in FPO/FPC/Organic Cluster formation.
- (iii) In house competence in Capacity Building of stake holders in various aspects of organic farming.

Desirable:

- (i) Experience in GIS and Remote Sensing.
3. Functional office situated in the area of operation.
4. Adequate infrastructure & digital support system.
5. Sufficient working personals with proven competence in earlier mentioned fields.
6. *Exclusion:* Any start up doing innovative work in Agriculture, with at least 01 year experience having bearing with organic farming promotion.

Roles and Responsibilities of Facilitating Agencies/Service providers *inter alia* may include-

- Deployment of man power as Lead Resource Persons (LRPs) for effective implementation of programme.
- Formation of Group /Cluster through mobilization of interested farmers.
- Collection of basic data of farmers (such as identity card, land details, bank account detail for DBT, farm history etc. as per requirement of PGS-India).
- Help in online registration of Local groups on PGS-India portal.
- Facilitate local group in Data Uploading and Management on PGS-India portal/State ICT network (like farmers' detail, farm history, group summary sheet, peer appraisal etc.).
- Capacity building of Farmers/ Local Groups through *Trainings, group Meetings and Exposure Visits* on –
 - Organic farming activities
 - PGS-India Standards,
 - PGS Group Operations, Documentation, Peer appraisal, Certification decision
 - Institutional development/FPO/FPC making and their professional management.
- Assist the farmers in preparation of –
 - annual plan of action
 - packing, marketing, logo preparation etc.
 - suitable *on-farm strategies* for nutrient and pest management.

Roles and Responsibilities of Facilitating Agencies/Service providers *inter alia* may include-

- Circulation of PGS-India literature in local/regional language.
- Preparation and submission of periodic reports.
- Facilitating market linkage, Introducing local marketing initiatives to ensure that PGS-India certified produce finds market as premium produce in local and city markets.
- Helping States in *Brand building* activities and projecting States potential in national and International trade fairs within the country.
- Participation in meetings and Peer inspections with Local Groups, facilitating other Stake holders to take active participation in PGS-India system.
- Periodic monitoring of functioning of Local groups and time to time issuing of advisory to farmers.
- Facilitating the Local Groups/Farmers for –
 - Transportation arrangements for Marketing of organic produce.
 - Data entry and marketing transactions on jaivikkheti web portal.
 - Food processing and handling.
- Ensure access of portal data to public to build trust and credibility in the system.
- Preparation of geo referenced maps in case of contiguous area certification

Major feature of PGS- INDIA

- **Farmers are owner of programme**
- **One time registration process**
- **Certification under conversion period also**
- **Less documentation**
- **Less cost involved**
- **Easy to operate**
- **Producer certification system**
- **Online documentation : Transparency, traceability system**
- **Online Marketing : local marketing easy**
- **Supported by Schemes**
- **Notified under FTDR act /FSSAI ACT**

Important website

<https://pgsindia-ncof.gov.in/home.aspx>

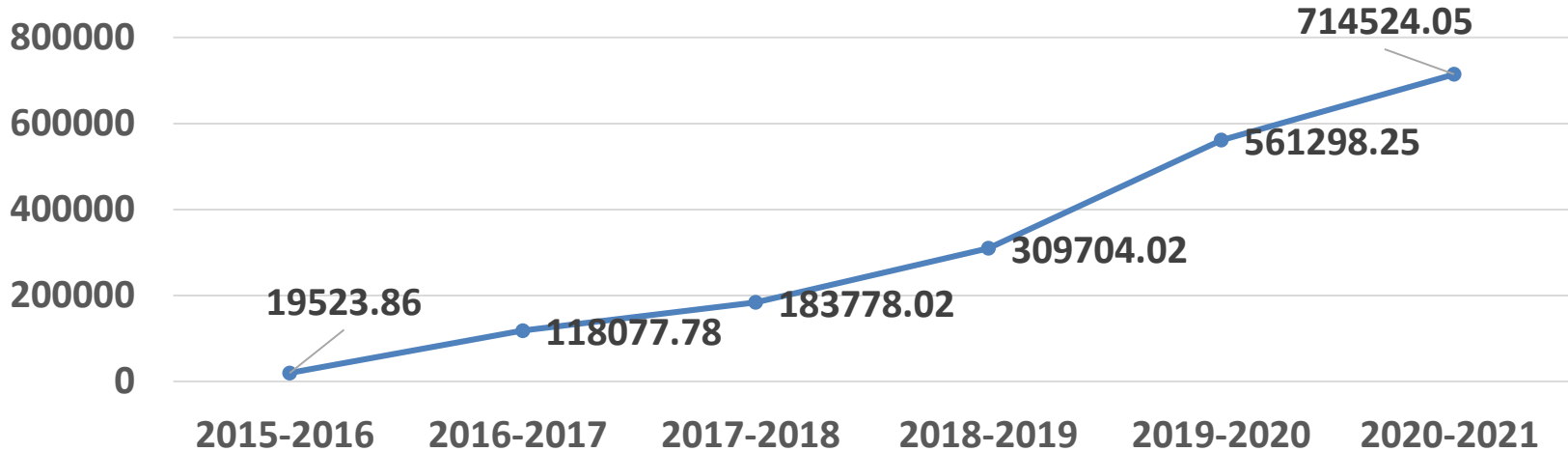
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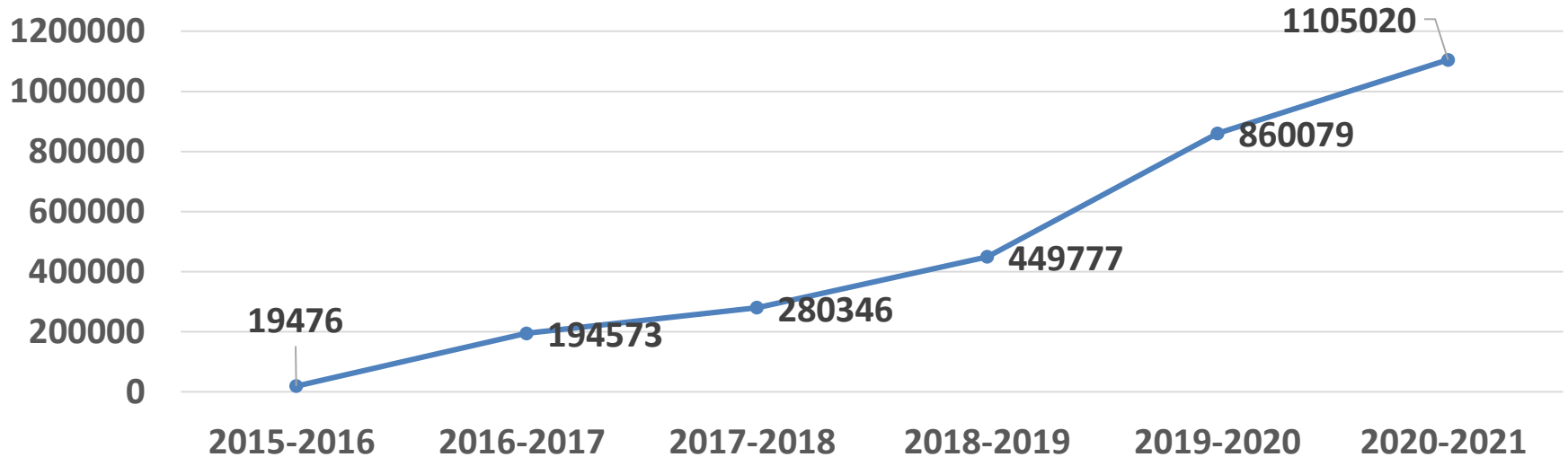
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The year wise scenario of PGS in India

Year wise Total cumulative Area (ha)



Year wise Total cumulative Number of Farmers

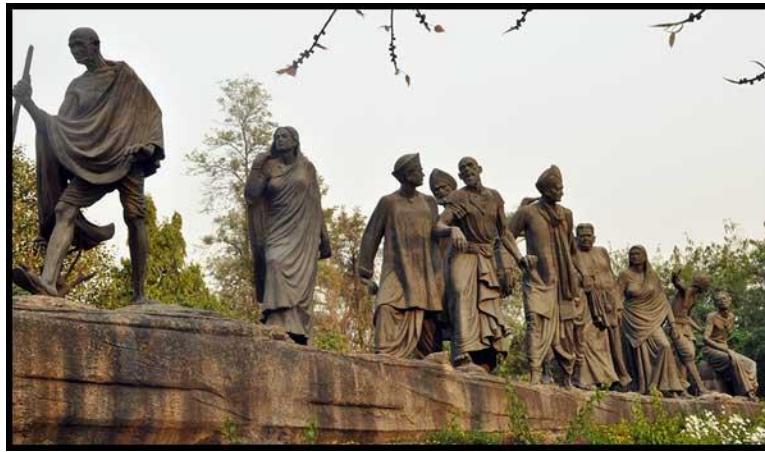


Comparison of Existing & Revised PGS-India Operational Manual

Feature/Component	Existing Operational Manual	Revised Operational Manual
Controlling Authority	INM Division	DAC&FW under the guidance of Secretary, AC &FW
PGS-India NAC	Divisional Head as Chairperson & members from the down the line related to Division	Additional Secretary – Chairperson, Members are drawn from different Ministries & Departments of MoA&FW
PGS-India NEC	✓	✓
Individual Farmers	✗	✓
Processor & Handlers	✗	✓
Traditional Organic	✗	✓
SOP for implementation	✗	✓

Comparison of Existing & Revised PGS-India Operational Manual

Feature/Component	Existing Operational Manual	Revised Operational Manual
PGS-India Secretariat	Limited scope	Empowered
Zonal Councils	No proper role to play	Shall play defined role
Regional Councils	No proper SOP	SOP in place
PGS-India Cell	✘	✔
PGS-India Operational Budget	✘	✔
PGS-India Certification Services and fees	✘	✔
Peer appraisal uploading on portal	Individual	As Group As individual, As village /LAC
Scope Certificate	Issued on Individual basis	Single certificate to whole group/ Individual /Village
Off-farm processing and handling	✘	✔
Service provider	✘	✔
Mobile application	✘	✔



Aware ..Awake.. and Arise...

Break the Chain and Make the way ...

Thank You