

Notice of Suspension and/or Revocation of Suspension:

SNRMS will suspend the certificate of the operator under the following conditions as per the Sanction policy of SNRMS:

- Severe violations that affect the integrity of the organic system in the implementation of the standard requirements are substantiated.
- Root cause/correction/corrective action are not proportionate and appropriate or the controls that the operator has put in place are inefficient according to the assessment by SNRMS.
- Any misleading/ Non-disclosure/ non-cooperation false information regarding the standard requirements that affects the organic integrity.
- The suspension period will be decided by the Certification Committee based on the seriousness of non-conformity substantiated. The suspension period can be for a maximum of 1-6 months. SNRMS shall notify the operator in writing of Suspension within 14 days from the decision of suspension.

If certification is suspended, the Certifier/QM will communicate to the client on the following:

Proposed actions needed to end suspension and restore certification for the product(s) in accordance with the standards requirements. If certification is suspended, SNRMS shall make all necessary modifications to formal certification documents, public information, authorizations for use of marks, etc., in order to ensure it provides no indication that the product is certified in the given suspension period.

During the period of suspension, the operator shall make no misleading claims and advise relevant existing and potential purchasers regarding the status of certification, and cease to use the certification mark on the products manufactured since the date of notification of suspension. The certified products procured and processed during suspension period will not be considered as organic.

The suspension will be restored when the client takes appropriate corrective action and SNRMS verifies the effectiveness of the corrective action. The effectiveness of corrective action may be verified through additional inspection. The certification committee will decide on the closure of the Non conformity. If the certified operator is unable to satisfy the requirement for reinstatement within the stipulated time frame given by SNRMS, the certificate may be cancelled. SNRMS may extend the suspension period in cases where SNRMS found it is essential to find the root cause of the infringement or irregularity needs to be identified (eg: in case of repeated pesticide contamination).

If certification is reinstated after suspension, SNRMS shall make all necessary modifications to certificates, website, authorizations for use of marks, etc., in order to ensure all appropriate indications exist that the product continues to be certified. The information is also indicated to the competent authority (APEDA).

If a decision to reduce the scope of certification is made as a condition of reinstatement, SNRMS shall make all necessary modifications to certificates, website, authorizations for use of marks, etc., in order to ensure the reduced scope of certification is clearly communicated to the client and clearly specified in certification procedures and public information. The information is also indicated to the competent authority (APEDA).

