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**Advisory to all the stakeholders regarding Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic-Free Aquaculture Input**

All stakeholders of Aquaculture Inputs are requested to refer the statutory provisions contained under CAA Act 2005, CAA Rules, 2024 and the Guidelines for Certificate of Compliance for Aquaculture Inputs S.O. 1456(E).

The definition for "aquaculture input" as prescribed under section 2 (a) of the CAA Act, 2005 is as follows;

'(a) "aquaculture input" means any material used as an input in coastal aquaculture for the maintenance of quality of water and soil for the growth and better health of organisms reared, or other aquatic life available, therein and includes seed, fertilizer, feed, growth supplement, probiotic, environment remediator and disinfectant."

Under Rule 18(3) of the CAA Rules, 2024 stipulates that

(3) No aquaculture inputs shall be made available or used in coastal aquaculture without the certification from the Authority, except those specifically exempted by the Authority, as may be specified in the Guidelines for certificate of compliance for aquaculture input.

In accordance in the CAA Guidelines for Certificate of Compliance for Aquaculture Inputs vide SO No 1456(E) dated 15th March, 2024, it is provided that

"Application in Form-III shall be submitted for renewal of certificate of compliance for aquaculture inputs three months before the expiry of such certificate with a non-refundable processing fee for ten thousand rupees (Rs. 10,000/-) shall be paid either electronically or in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority, along with the documents as specified in Schedule-III of the CAA Rules, 2024".

In view of the above provisions, it is hereby informed that:

1. Failure to apply for renewal within the stipulated time period results in automatic cancellation of the Certificate of Compliance upon completion of its validity period.
2. Upon such expiry of the validity period of Certificate:
  - The certification number shall be treated as invalid and shall not be used on any product labels and packaging or in any manner whatsoever;



- The concerned Input manufacturers/ Distributors shall immediately stop usage of the expired certification number for their concerned products.


3. It is further reiterated that Certificate of Compliance is product-specific, and the certification number issued for one product shall not be used for any other product under any circumstances.

4. Any violation in above mentioned Point (1) to (3), the concerned manufacturer/Distributor is liable for legal actions either by the Task Force Team or Coastal Aquaculture Authority.

5. Coastal aquaculture farmers and hatchery operators are hereby advised to procure and use only those aquaculture inputs that are certified by the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA).

The following link provides the list of delisted Antibiotic-Free Aquaculture Inputs:

[https://caa.gov.in/CAA/Inputs/Input\\_user/Delisted](https://caa.gov.in/CAA/Inputs/Input_user/Delisted)

  
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