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To
The Aquaculture Inputs Manufacturers Associations
The Aquaculture inputs manufactures/ Distributors

Sub : CAA – Enactment of CAA (Amendment) Act, 2023 and CAA Rules, 2024- Regularisation of all unauthorised coastal aquaculture farms in the State- Request for issuing necessary directions to the HOD of the Fisheries Department to sensitise the farmers to register their farms through SDLCS / DLCS- Regarding

Ref : 1. The Gazette notification of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023 (Act No. 27 of 2023) notified on 14th August, 2023
2. G.S.R 33(E) dated 09th January 2024 Notification of Coastal Aquaculture Authority Rules, 2024

Sir/ Madam,

I am to reiterate and bring to your notice that, the Principal CAA Act, 2005 and its Rules are amended and notified vide reference 1st and 2nd cited, wherein all operational issues and gaps in the coastal aquaculture sector are addressed and facilitated the farmers and other stakeholders to continue their coastal aquaculture activities seamlessly through ease of doing business (Copies enclosed)

The CAA (Amendment) Act, covered all verticals and activities of coastal aquaculture including mariculture practices, hatcheries, BMCs, NBCS and aquaculture inputs under the purview of the CAA. The definition for "aquaculture input" as prescribed under Section 2 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 and 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.



Accordingly, the Authority is vested with the following statutory provisions under the CAA (Amendment) Act, 2023:

(db) to fix or adopt standards, certify, monitor, regulate or prohibit coastal aquaculture inputs, including probiotics, therapeutants and such other inputs used in coastal aquaculture, as may be prescribed, for the prevention, control and abatement of detriment to the coastal aquaculture or coastal environment (sub section (1) of Section 11)

"12A. The Authority may, by an order, prohibit the use, in any coastal aquaculture activity of—

- (a) such pharmacologically active substance, antimicrobial agent or other material which may cause harm to human health as may be prescribed; or
- (b) aquaculture inputs containing such substance, agent or material as may be specified under clause (a)."

Further under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Rules, 2024, the following provisions are made:

Rule 18: Standards and certification of aquaculture inputs. —

- The Authority shall constitute expert committees consisting of independent scientific experts including representatives from stake holders as it deems appropriate, who shall recommend:
 - ✓ new standards of product or labelling;
 - ✓ standards of product or labelling developed by any other competent authority or institution, for different categories of aquaculture inputs for adoption; and
 - ✓ for prohibition of such pharmacologically active substance, antimicrobial agent or other material, the use of which in coastal aquaculture may cause harm to human health, based on the best scientific evidences available to it
- On the acceptance of the recommendation of such expert committee, the Authority shall, from time to time notify the standards, prohibit such pharmacologically active substance, antimicrobial agents or other mater material for use in any coastal aquaculture
- **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 (Rule 18(3))**
- Every application for certificate of compliance of an aquaculture input



shall be in Form-III, accompanied with such documents as specified in Schedule-III, and with a fee of ten thousand rupees per product to be paid electronically or in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favor of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Rule 18(3))

- Every application for the renewal of validity of certificate of compliance of an aquaculture input shall be in Form-III, accompanied with such documents specified in Schedule-III and fee as specified.
- The Authority shall monitor the compliance of aquaculture inputs in the manner specified in the Guidelines for certificate of compliance for aquaculture input

Hence, I request your good self to circulate this letter to all the input manufactures / Distributors duly informing them

- (i) to make application to CAA for getting certificate of compliance for antibiotic free status for all their aquaculture inputs immediately since it is mandatory as per the above provisions
- (ii) to comply prescribed standards and statutory provisions for all their aquaculture inputs as laid down under the CAA (Amendment) Act, 2023, CAA Rules, 2024 and guidelines for certificate of compliance for antibiotic free aquaculture inputs.
- (iii) or otherwise they are liable for penalty as per the Penal provision prescribed under Section 14 of the CAA (Amendment) Act, 2023.



Yours sincerely


(V. KRIPA)
Secretary, CAA

Copy to

1. The Commissioner/ Director of Fisheries of all Coastal States/ UTs for information and with a request to arrange for circulate this letter to all aquaculture input manufactures/ distributors.
2. The Member Convenors of SDLCS/ DLCs for information with a request to circulate this letter to all aquaculture input manufactures/ distributors
3. Prawn Farmers Federation of India
4. All India Shrimp Hatcheries Association
5. Seafood Export Association of India