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RAJASTHAN AGRO-PROCESSING, AGRI-BUSINESS & AGRI EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME - 2019

In order to make Rajasthan as a production and supply hub of processed agricultural products and a destination of choice for investors, processors and exporters, Rajasthan Agro-processing, Agri-business and Agri-export Promotion Policy, 2019 (herein after referred as 'Policy') has been approved by the Government. Now, to attain the objectives of Policy, the State Government of Rajasthan, in public interest, hereby issues Rajasthan Agro-Processing, Agri-business & Agri Export Promotion Scheme – 2019 (herein after referred as 'Scheme'). This Scheme shall be part of Policy and applicable to the new and existing agro-processing and agri-business enterprises undergoing modernization, expansion or diversification covered in the eligible sectors listed at **Annexure (i)**.

1. Operative Period

The scheme shall come into effect from the date of issuance of this Notification in the gazette of Government of Rajasthan and shall remain in force up to 31st march 2024 (till the policy remains in force) and be reviewed in year 2021.

2. Definitions

In this scheme unless the subject for context or otherwise requires:

"**Agriculture products**" means produce of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Floriculture, Aromatic, Herbal & Medicinal plants, Fisheries, Poultry, Apiculture, Dairy and shall include minor forest produce and livestock based products;

"**Agri Cluster**" means an area where market is provided for agriculture products, by bringing together farmers, aggregators, processors and distributors at one place. It shall also include Agro-processing clusters being set up under the scheme of Kisan Sampada Yojana implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India or to be set up under any other scheme of the State or to be declared by the Government;

"**Agri-marketing or Agri-business**" means business that derives most of its revenue from agriculture and may cover processing, manufacturing and distribution of agricultural products;

"**Agro-processing**" means processes that use agriculture products, agri-waste and intermediate agriculture products to produce products in a manner that there is a transformation in the nature of the agriculture product;

"**Agro-processing and Agri-marketing sector**" means the sector comprising enterprises engaged in such agro-processing and agri-business or agri-marketing activities as defined above;

"**Backward Area**" means an area as the Government may so notify by an order;

"**Collection/Aggregation Centre**" means a place having facilities namely platform, cleaning, grading, assaying, warehousing and/or cold storage, electronic weighing etc. required for preparing farm produce for sale to forward marketing channels;

"**District Level Screening and Sanctioning Committee**" means District Level Screening and Sanctioning Committee (DLSC) for screening and sanctioning the proposal as prescribed under the Policy;

"**Farmer**" means a person actively engaged in the economic and/or livelihood activity of growing crops and producing other primary agricultural commodities;

"**Farmer Producer Organization/Company**" means a company of Farmer Producer Members as defined in part IX A of the Companies Act, 1956 (including any amendments thereto or re-enactment thereof) and incorporated with the Registrar of Companies (ROC). Other categories of farmer producer organizations (such as cooperatives) may be considered for inclusion at a later stage. An FPO/ FPC should have 50 or more farmers for the purpose of availing benefits under this Policy;

"**Food Park**" means an area where market is provided for agriculture products, by bringing together farmers, aggregators, processors, distributors and retailers at one place. It shall also include Mega Food Parks being set up under the scheme of Government of India;

"**Food Processing Sector**" means the sector comprising enterprises engaged in such manufacturing processes in which raw product of agriculture, animal husbandry or fisheries is transformed to make it edible for human consumption;

"**Investment**" or "**Eligible Fixed Capital Investment (EFCI)**" means the investments made in required new building, new plant and machineries and other related fixed assets required to manufacture end product or render services up to the date of commencement of commercial production (Provided it will not include the items listed as ineligible for computation of eligible investment in **Annexure (iii)**).

"**Mandi Fee/User Charge**" means the fee/Charge being levied and paid under the Rajasthan State Agriculture Produce Market Act, 1961;

"**Service Enterprise**" means an enterprise engaged in providing or rendering of services such as warehousing, cold storage service, e-marketing, grading, standardization, assaying and other services as defined in APMC Act;

"**State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee**" means State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (SLSC) for sanctioning the proposal and monitoring the progress of various deliverables under the scheme;

"**Year**" means financial year (From 1st April to 31st March) and quarter means the period of three months ending on 30th June, 30th September, 31st December and 31st March;