

Public Information for the scheme VCSMPP under NABCB

- **Information on Accreditation of VCSMPP-**

OneCert is pleased to announce the availability of certification services for VCSMPP under NABCB, with the initial accreditation application currently underway. Upon receiving accreditation from NABCB, OneCert will promptly update the accreditation page on its website and commence accepting applications for VCSMPP.

- **Information on Scheme-**

The Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP) is an initiative by the Government of India, launched by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI). The scheme aims to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) to enhance the quality and safety of medicinal plant produce.

- **Fee Structure for VCSMPP**

OneCert will update the fee structure for VCSMPP once the accreditation is granted by NABCB on <https://onecertinternational.com/fees/>.

- **Guidelines for to Use of Certification Mark-**

The relevant logo(s) for VCSMPP will be added here once the accreditation is granted to OneCert. Here are the general guidance for use of certification mark:

- The size of the logo and seal should be large enough to be legible and meet other labeling requirements regarding the size of text.
- The client will use the Logo only in the manner prescribed herein and in the Standard;
- The client will use the Logo on or in association with the Designated Products;
- The client will not alter the Logo in any way and use the colors specified;
- The client will use the Logo on its stationery, publications, web site or promotional materials in such a way as to create no confusion between the Designated Products and other products;
- The client will follow the exact requirements of the Certification Body including those regarding the position, size, color and accompanying symbols and wording and those regarding accreditation mark, if any;
- The client will accompany the Logo by the Certification scheme.
- The client will give in a separate text box inserted next to the mark the details of the Standard following written approval from the certification body.
- The client will take Approval from the Certification Body.
- The client will, upon the suspension, withdrawal or cancellation of the Certificate, forthwith discontinue the use of the Logo on the Designated Products and on its stationery, publications, website, and promotional materials which contain it or

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any reference thereto, and will not thereafter use any imitation or simulation thereof;

- The client will not, during the period of validity of the Certificate or thereafter, make or assert any claim of ownership to the logo and will not dispute the right of the Certification Body, its successors or assignees, to authorize the use of the Logo as provided herein;
- The client will not use the Logo in conjunction with any other mark unless specified in the Standard;
- The client may provide a hyperlink from its website to the certification body's.
- The Client's right to use the Logo is only transferable with the written permission of the Certification Body.
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- **Certification Procedure-VCSMPP**

The general certification procedure is available on website on Policy and Procedures webpage.

Reduction, Suspension or Cancellation of Scope: The process for reduction, suspension, or cancellation of certification at OneCert is initiated when nonconformities with certification requirements are identified through surveillance or other means. Depending on the severity, actions may include continued certification with conditions, reduction in scope, suspension, or cancellation. Suspension is issued with due notice and allows up to six months for corrective action. During suspension, use of certification marks and documents is prohibited. If issues remain unresolved, cancellation is enforced. Cancellation also occurs in cases of major nonconformities, contract violations, or voluntary withdrawal due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, OneCert updates certification records, documents, and public information to reflect the current status accurately.

Extension of Scope: Extension of the certificate scope to include additional produce or varieties is allowed only after confirming that the certified unit has the necessary resources and technical capabilities. The extension will be clearly stated in the certificate along with the inclusion date to avoid misinterpretation. However, the overall validity period of the certificate will remain unchanged.

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- **Information on Scope of Scheme**

The VCSMPP was launched by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) and the Quality Council of India (QCI) to ensure the quality, sustainability, and traceability of medicinal plant produce in India.

Types of Produce

- Cultivated medicinal plants
- Wild-harvested medicinal plants
- Includes plant parts like roots, leaves, stems, flowers, seeds, and bark used in traditional medicine systems.

OneCert will be offering VCSMPP certification services for the scope Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) & Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) for Level – 1 Compliance to GAP for producers/GFCP Collectors.

- **List of Clients with Status- Certified/Suspended/Surrendered/Cancelled-**

The website page linked at <https://onecertinternational.com/list-of-clients/> currently has a template of list of clients that will be used for listing the clients after accreditation is granted.