

NOTICE

'SHAPHARI'- CERTIFICATION OF FARMS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE FREE SHRIMP

'SHAPHARI'- a scheme for Certification of Farms has been initiated by MPEDA to establish farm certification system for production of antibiotic residue free shrimp to enhance the consumer confidence, to meet international standards and to promote hassle free export. SHAPHARI is a process certification applicable to an Aqua farm that conforms to the standards of SHAPHARI and guidelines. '**SHAPHARI**' is a Sanskrit word meaning 'Superior quality fish suitable for consumption for even an Ascetic'.

A Draft guideline with standards for Certification is prepared based on the minimum substantive criteria suggested by FAO for developing Aquaculture Certification standards. This was developed through consultations with the experts in the field of farm operation, hatchery operation, R & D institutions, Regulatory agencies, developmental bodies and general public. The standards will be improved on a continuous basis keeping with the modification in the scope of the scheme, improvements in the technology and scientific knowledge to ensure high quality, disease free and residue free shrimp production.

The guidelines developed for SHAPHARI-Certification of Farms for the production of antibiotic residue free seed is placed in the public domain for seeking comments/suggestions.

Opinion/comments may please be sent to the e-mail id aquacert@mpeda.gov.in on or before 3rd April 2021.