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Quality Development:To participate/engage in international trade, it is necessary to comply with the Food Safety requirements of different countries. Several importing countries demand adherence to stringent Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs). Some of the developed importing countries have set up MRLs at a very low level. For this, high to a ceiling of Rs. 600 lakhs. The funds shall be released against the bank guarantee. Quality Development Scheme: Implementation and certification of quality and food safety management systems, standardization, harmonization with international standards for adoption of global standards, and handheld devices for capturing farm-level peripheral coordinates for traceability systems. Beneficiaries: APEDA registered exporters are eligible to apply for assistance, Certification Bodies accredited under the National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), State Agencies, trade bodies, Chambers of Commerce, Government agencies, FPO, SHG, FPC, Cooperatives, and individual farmers and listed laboratories are eligible for assistance. Benefits: The assistance will be upto50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh and 20 lakh per certification. The assistance will also be applicable for the renewal of certifications. The 20 lakh are applicable as in the case of Procuring hand-held devices including the cost of software for capturing farm-level peripheral coordinates for traceability systems. This will include any electronic management system, software, blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), or any other high-precision technology. Market Development:Beneficiaries: It includes APEDA registered exporters, trade delegations, promoters of GI products, Central/State Govt. agencies, Trade chambers, Indian missions abroad, etc.Benefits: The benefits and their components would be decided and implemented by APEDA. As in the case of New Market / Product development through conducting feasibility studies. There are two criteria Assistance will be up to 50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per study per beneficiary. Assistance will be up to 75% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per study per beneficiary if conducted by Trade Associations/Indian missions abroad/Central/State Govt. agencies/ exporters belonging to North - Eastern States, difficult areas namely Himalayan and landlocked states, Island Union Territories, SC/ST, and women beneficiaries. 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It is the responsibility of the applicant to file final claim documents complete in all respects well before the expiry of the original or extended validity, if any, of the In-Principle Approval letter. 27. If the applicant/beneficiary has more than one manufacturing unit at different locations, APEDA may consider assistance for each such separate unit. However, such units must be first incorporated into the IEC and APEDA RCMC.28. The Budgetary allocation to APEDA is given by the Department of Commerce. The actual allocation may vary from year to year. Disbursement of assistance is subject to actual budget allocation by the Government. Financial assistance is provided subject to the availability of the funds in APEDA and grants by the Government.29. Financial assistance is provided subject to continuation of the scheme. There shall be no claim by the applicant in carrying forward the application for financial assistance beyond the plan period (2021-26)30. 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**Exclusions**1. The members who are not registered with APEDA are not eligible to apply for assistance under the scheme.

**Application Process**Online1. For Govt., PSU, and Others: Online application  
<https://itrack.apeda.gov.in/online/registration/fasonlinereg.aspx> 2. For Exporters: Online application  
<https://itrack.apeda.gov.in/default.aspx?UType=E>

**Documents Required**Document submitted needs to be duly signed by the Competent Authority/ authorized signatory [When original documents are in the regional language they should be accompanied by self-certified English/ Hindi translation]--Documents such as Detailed Project Report (DPR), Chartered Engineer Certificate, etc. in the format given in Annexure - I.A detailed appraisal note, specific to the scheme, from the lending Bank/Financial Institution, if applicable.Certificate of incorporation/ registration of the applicant, Memorandum and Articles of Association in case of Company/Bye-laws of the applicant, etc.Annual reports and Audited Financial Statement of Accounts of the applicant for the last two years.Self-attested English/ Hindi version of main facility land documents in support of land title in the name of the applicant or land lease, duly registered with the competent authority for a minimum remaining period of 15 years.Change in Land Use (CLU) permission for the project for the main facility land from the competent authority.Free hold land/ equitable mortgage free from all incumbencies and in possession of the applicant is a pre-requisite for consideration of assistance. In case of any dispute for land at any stage, which results in a change in the land status, during the execution of the project or thereafter, APEDA shall recover all assistance amount along with interest (as per GFR) and penalty without assigning any reason thereof.Three quotations from the suppliers of Plant and machinery and equipment, etc. for the project except in case of imported/proprietary items.The applicant has to submit copies of necessary permissions from Central, State, and other statutory bodies for setting up the facility/ project.A copy of the term loan sanctioned from the bank/financial institution for this project, if applicable, should be attached.Drawing/layout diagram of the project duly approved by the Chartered Engineer.In case the applicant/beneficiary is availing loan from any bank/ financial institution, a detailed appraisal note from the bank/financial institution specific to the proposal should be submitted. Detailed Project Report /Techno Economic Viability Report merely stamped or endorsed by the Bank/ FI without a detailed appraisal note shall not be considered a valid appraisal note and such proposals will not be considered for financial assistance.In case the applicant/beneficiary is not availing loan from any bank/ financial institution, a detailed appraisal note with justification and feasibility of the proposed project, endorsed by the Competent Authority of the applicant organization should be attached.Applicants who have availed or are in the process of availing grant from any other agency shall have to intimate APEDA at the time of submission of DPR regarding it and in case a grant has been availed for the same component(s) from any other Govt. agency, the applicant shall not be eligible for financial assistance from APEDA for the same component(s).

**Frequently Asked Questions**What is APEDA ? The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established by the Government of India under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export

Development Authority Act, 1985. The primary objective of APEDA is to undertake the development and promotion of the export of the following products. i. Fruits, vegetables and their products, ii. Meat and meat products, iii. Poultry and poultry products, iv. Dairy products, v. Confectionary, biscuits, and bakery products, vi. Honey, jaggery and sugar products, vii. Cocoa and its products, chocolates of all kinds, viii. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, ix. Cereals and Cereal products, x. Groundnuts, peanuts and walnuts, xi. Pickles, chutneys and papads, xii. Guar Gum xiii. Floriculture and floriculture products, xiv. Herbal and medicinal plants. xv. Cashew kernels, cashew nut shell liquid, cardanol The following specific objectives have been laid down in Section 10(2) of the APEDA Act: i. The development of industries relating to the Scheduled products for export by way of providing financial assistance or otherwise for undertaking surveys and feasibility studies, participation in the equity capital through joint ventures and other reliefs and subsidy schemes; ii. the registration of persons as exporters of the Scheduled products on payment of such fees as may be prescribed; iii. The fixing of standards and specifications for the Scheduled products for the purposes of export; iv. the carrying out of inspection of meat and meat products in any slaughterhouse, processing, plant, storage premises, conveyances, or other places where such products are kept or handled for the purpose of ensuring the quality of such products; v. the improving of packaging of the Scheduled products; vi. the improving of the marketing of the Scheduled products outside India; vii. the promotion of export-oriented production and development of the Scheduled products; viii. the collection of statistics from the owners of factories or establishments engaged in the production, processing, packaging, marketing, or export of the Scheduled products or from such other persons as may be prescribed on any matter relating to the Scheduled products; and the publication of the statistics so collected, or of any portions thereof or extracts there from; ix. the training in various aspects of the industries connected with the Scheduled products; x. such other matters as may be prescribed. In addition to the above, APEDA has also been entrusted with the task of registration and protection of Intellectual Property rights in respect of "Special Products" in India or Outside India. At present, the only "Special Product", as listed in the Second Schedule to the APEDA Act, is Basmati Rice. After protracted efforts, APEDA was able to obtain GI registration for Basmati Rice in February 2016. APEDA is also the Secretariat for the National Programme for Organic Production, specifying the accreditation and certification programs for organic production. The organic certification programme covers all agricultural commodities including non-APEDA scheduled products. More than 10 lakh farmers are registered under the programme and the certification is a mandatory requirement for organic products exports. For more information please visit: [https://apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/What are the Financial Assistance Schemes of APEDA?Please refer the URL : https://apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/Announcements/FAS\\_Guidelines\\_05102021.pdf?v=1](https://apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/What%20are%20the%20Financial%20Assistance%20Schemes%20of%20APEDA%20Please%20refer%20the%20URL%20%3A%20https%3A%2F%2Fapeda.gov.in%2Fapedawebsite%2FAnnouncements%2FFAS_Guidelines_05102021.pdf?v=1)What are the Scheme Components ?The Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) is an export promotion scheme run by APEDA. The scheme aims to facilitate the export of agri-products by providing assistance to exporters. It achieves its objective through the following: 1. Understanding the several challenges faced by agri-exporters. 2. Acknowledging the need for assistance to successfully navigate through these challenges and achieve the objectives of APEDA. 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It covers structured marketing strategies for the export of food products, market intelligence for making informed decisions, international exposure, skill development, capacity building, and high-quality packaging. The assistance under this component covers the following: a) Participation in International trade fairs b) Exchange of trade delegations c) Organizing buyer-seller meets d) Developing packaging standards for new products and upgrading the existing standards What are the general requirements and conditions (across all components)?1. Assistance will be applicable for all APEDA scheduled products. 2. The date of submission of the online application in APEDA shall be considered as the date of receipt of an application for grant of principal approval. The expenditure incurred prior to the date of submission of the online application in APEDA shall not be considered for assistance. 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**What is the procedure for filing of application and document requirements?** i. A detailed proposal containing the company profile, nature of the project, existing infrastructure, proposed infrastructure, benefit from the proposed facility in terms of capacity increase / quality upgradation, existing and proposed process flow chart, intended market viability, etc. The cost of the project should be duly supported by Quotations (for equipment), Bills of quantity (for civil work), etc. ii. It is mandatory for the applicant to file the application online for seeking financial assistance through the Submit FAS Application in the Schemes Menu given on the APEDA website [www.apeda.gov.in](http://www.apeda.gov.in) iii. After successful submission of the online application a Track no. shall be generated through the system. The applicant has to submit a printout of the online application submitted and a copy of the electronic acknowledgment sheet bearing application Track No. along with the above-mentioned relevant documents within 30 days from the date of the online application. Failure to do so shall result in the automatic cancellation of the online application.

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**The Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)** is an export promotion scheme run by APEDA. APEDA is an export promotion body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the promotion of Agricultural and Processed Food Products. The scheme has been open and implemented for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme aims to facilitate the export of agri-products by providing assistance to exporters. It achieves its objective through the following: Understanding the several challenges faced by agri-exporters. Acknowledging the need for assistance to successfully navigate through these challenges and achieve the objectives of APEDA. Financial assistance is provided in three broad areas, namely: Development of Export Infrastructure, Quality Development and Market Development. The details of each scheme such as scheme name, launch date, ministry/dept. name, scope, objectives, salient features, target beneficiary, benefits, etc. are as follows: **Development of Export Infrastructure:** APEDA recognizes the importance of infrastructure for the growth of agro-industries and the export of agricultural products in the value chain. The scheme component covers both fresh produce and processed food products. The objective of the scheme is to reduce losses caused due to spoilage and to ensure quality production of agro products. To achieve this, it seeks to set up post-harvest handling facilities. Under this component, assistance is provided for the following: Infrastructure such as packhouse facilities with packing/grading lines Pre-cooling units with cold storage and refrigerated

transportation etc. Cable system for handling crops like banana. Common infrastructure facilities. Pre-shipment treatment facilities such as irradiation, Vapour Heat Treatment (VHT), and Hot Water Dip Treatment (HWDT) for compliance with Phyto-Sanitary requirements of importing countries. Infrastructure for processing facilities (process food sector) for addressing missing gaps which may include equipment like X-ray, Screening, Sortex, filth/metal detector, sensors, vibrators, or any new equipment or technology for food safety and quality requirements. Quality Development: To participate/engage in international trade, it is necessary to comply with the Food Safety requirements of different countries. Several importing countries demand adherence to stringent Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs). Some of the developed importing countries have set up MRLs at a very low level. For this, high to a ceiling of Rs. 600 lakhs. The funds shall be released against the bank guarantee. Quality Development Scheme: Implementation and certification of quality and food safety management systems, standardization, harmonization with international standards for adoption of global standards, and handheld devices for capturing farm-level peripheral coordinates for traceability systems. Beneficiaries: APEDA registered exporters are eligible to apply for assistance, Certification Bodies accredited under the National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), State Agencies, trade bodies, Chambers of Commerce, Government agencies, FPO, SHG, FPC, Cooperatives, and individual farmers and listed laboratories are eligible for assistance. Benefits: The assistance will be upto 50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 5 lakh and 20 lakh per certification. The assistance will also be applicable for the renewal of certifications. The 20 lakh are applicable as in the case of Procuring hand-held devices including the cost of software for capturing farm-level peripheral coordinates for traceability systems. This will include any electronic management system, software, blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), or any other high-precision technology. Market Development: Beneficiaries: It includes APEDA registered exporters, trade delegations, promoters of GI products, Central/State Govt. agencies, Trade chambers, Indian missions abroad, etc. Benefits: The benefits and their components would be decided and implemented by APEDA. As in the case of New Market / Product development through conducting feasibility studies. There are two criteria Assistance will be up to 50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per study per beneficiary. Assistance will be up to 75% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs per study per beneficiary if conducted by Trade Associations/Indian missions abroad/Central/State Govt. agencies/ exporters belonging to North - Eastern States, difficult areas namely Himalayan and landlocked states, Island Union Territories, SC/ST, and women beneficiaries. For activities initiated by APEDA, the funding shall be 100%. As in the case of Assistance for trial shipment covering multimodal transport. Assistance will be up to 50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs as in the case of Registration of Brand / IPR outside India. Assistance will be upto 50% of the total cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20 lakhs per beneficiary 100% in the case of APEDA. Ok. Was this helpful? Share News and Updates No new news and updates available. ©2024 Powered by Digital India Corporation (DIC) Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) Government of India. ® Quick Links About Us Contact Us Screen Reader Accessibility Statement Frequently Asked Questions Disclaimer Terms & Conditions Useful Links Get in touch 4th Floor, NeGD, Electronics Niketan, 6 CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003, India support-myscheme[at]digitalindia[dot]gov[dot]in (011) 24303714 Last Updated On : 28/03/2024 | v-2.1.1