

## Preface

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture had vide its notification No. F-No. 45-69/2011- Hort., Dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011, constituted a twenty two member-Committee for recommending norms for accrediting cold storage. The composition of the Committee is at *Appendix 1*. The terms of Reference of the Committee are as follows-

- i. Preparation of check-list for accreditation of cold storages / CA / MA storages.
- ii. Preparation of standards for storages, packaging and preservation of potato, apple and other fruits & vegetables which can be stored in cold storages / CA / MA storages for long / medium duration.
- iii. Any other issue that the Committee may consider important or relevant to the subject or may be assigned to it by the Government.

Though Shri Amit Sahay- Additional Commissioner was initially designated as the member-secretary of the committee who was replaced by Shri OM Prakash, Additional Commissioner (Hort) by another notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Finally, Shri Sushil Singla was designated as the member-secretary of the Committee.

The Committee in its first physical meeting decided to cover form of application for accreditation of the cold storage warehouse and prepare a cold storage warehouse manual. It is being clarified that provisions of general Warehouse Manual, as far as they are relevant to cold storage warehouses, shall be applicable.

*It is further reiterated that the Accreditation of cold storage warehouse is available only for those cold storages which have been set up with scientific design based on heat load calculation keeping in view critical storage conditions, energy efficiency, environmental concern, safety of workmen and goods stored and automation of controls and data logging or which have been modernized and upgraded to meet the above mentioned basic eligibility criterion.*

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee without whose contributions it would have been impossible to finalize Committee's recommendations. Special mention is due to the valuable guidance received from Shri Karnail Singh, member WDRA, Dr. S. K. Goel- Principal Secretary (Ariculture & Marketing), Govt of Maharashtra and valuable inputs provided from Shri Gurmit Singh and Shri Prabhat Saxena. My special thanks to Dr. R. K. Sharma- Sr. Deputy Director NHB and Shri Lal Singh- Sr. Assistant Director, NHB who supported in making correspondences and organizing consultative meetings of the Committee in absence of member-secretary of the Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee are being submitted for approval of the Government and acceptance of the same by Warehouse Development Regulatory Authority.

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