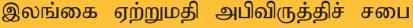


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Ministry of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion

ASSISTANCE FOR **GROWERS/PROCESSORS TO OBTAIN ORGANIC CERTIFICATE AS PER SLS 1324-2018**

EDB will extend assistance for the Sri Lankan growers / processors willing to follow organic cultivation and processing practices to obtain organic certification as per the Sri Lanka standard for organic agriculture products and processing SLS 1324:2018. This certificate will be issued by third party certification bodies accredited for SLS 1324:2018 by SLAB.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote the National Organic Standard (SLS 1324:2018) among the small farmers.
- Streamline production, handling, processing and labelling of organically grown agriculture products to meet a consistent standard
- Encourage conventional farmers transform into organic cultivation and increase the production volumes & income.
- Establish transparency throughout the supply/value chains from farm to market.
- Upgrade the farmers to obtain international certification in future to meet the export demand.
- Obtain the mutual recognition with organic standards in export destination.

PRODUCTS TO BE ASSISTED

Sri Lankan growers and processors willing to follow organic agriculture and processing practices for below mentioned agriculture products are eligible to apply for assistance.

- Rice
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Cashew
- Herbs

- Pulses
- Spices
- Coconut Kernel based products
- Green leaves

EDB will provide financial assistance for the growers / processors cover the cost of organic inspection & certification and lab testing related to organic certification as per SLS 1324:2018.

Please visit EDB website www.srilankabusiness.com (under the section "Announcements") for further details, please contact Ms. S.M.D. Madhumali (Ext. 235 on 2300705-11, E-mail: madhumali@edb.gov.lk Duly completed application forms should reach the Director - Export Agriculture, EDB by registered post on or before 17th July, 2020. Selection of suitable growers/processors will be done by interview panel.

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