



# COASTAL AQUACULTURE AUTHORITY

Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **Attention: Farmers and Hatchery Operators engaged in coastal aquaculture and in *SPF L. vannamei* seed production/culture**

**Attention is** invited to the Public Notice dated 5th March, 2012 and 8th January, 2013 issued by this Authority regarding the statutory obligation to register all coastal aquaculture farms including hatcheries as per the provisions in the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, and the Rules, 2005. **Failure to register** with CAA for carrying on coastal aquaculture activities in the coastal areas would result in imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with a fine extending to Rs.1.00 lakh or both.

**Registration:** (1) Registration made under the Act is valid for a period of five years. (2) Farmers having valid lease deed for less than five years can also apply for registration. (3) Farmers intending to renew the registration should apply to the Member Convener of the District Level Committee (DLC) of the concerned District in the prescribed format two months before the expiry of such registration to facilitate uninterrupted culture operations. (4) **Culture** without renewal of registration would be treated as illegal.

**Permission:** (1) Permission has been granted to eligible hatcheries having the required biosecurity facilities to import SPF brood stock of *L. vannamei* for seed production. (2) The approved farms permitted to take up *L. vannamei* culture shall procure seed of *L. vannamei* from such hatcheries to whom permission is granted by CAA. (3) The list of hatcheries approved for such production of SPF *L. vannamei* seed is hosted in the Authority's website <http://www.caa.gov.in>. (4) **Hatchery operators** are warned that sale of seed to unregistered farms would result in cancellation of the permission granted to import SPF brood stock as well as forfeiture of the bank guarantee furnished for this purpose.

**General:** (1) CAA is the sole authority to issue permission to culture *L. vannamei* for the farms located within two kilometres from High Tide Line (HTL) in the notified coastal areas. (2) Only those farms who have been permitted to culture *L. vannamei* after due inspection by the Inspection Team of CAA alone can culture *L. vannamei*. (3) Establishments shall procure produces only from farms registered with CAA. (4) In all such cases, the packages shall bear the registration number of the farm allotted by CAA. (5) **No pre-harvesting tests** shall be carried out in respect of the produce of farms which are unregistered by CAA and shall not be accepted for export. (6) Any number or identification mark given by any other authority except the CAA cannot be regarded as registration by CAA and used for export. (7) Penal action shall be taken for violation of above terms.

**Hatchery operators and shrimp farmers are cautioned** that *L. vannamei* being an exotic species should be bred and cultured only by the authorized persons who are required to follow the biosecurity protocols meticulously. Unauthorized seed production through pond reared stock and culture of this species by unauthorized farms without proper biosecurity facilities would result in introduction of pathogens into the system and would result in the collapse of the shrimp farming activities in the country.

**Member Secretary**