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Pursuant to decision taken by the Board of Members vide resolution No. 4(Additional items) in its meeting held on 4th April, 2023, agricultural produce shall be sold by weight in all the markets of Himachal Pradesh. All Market functionaries, traders, sellers, buyers and commission agents registered under the Himachal Pradesh Agricultural and Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2005 shall observe the following norms henceforth:-

- 1) Apple and alike fruits shall be sold by weight in all the markets in market area.
- 2) Sellers will bring apple and alike fruits to be packed in universal carton, telescopic carton, crates etc. However, weight in each box should not exceed 24 Kgs.in any case.
- 3) The seller shall have to indicate proper weight of apple and alike fruits on the carton/box with permanent marker.
- 4) It shall be mandatory to weigh the sample box(s) in each market yard/auction floor. The commission agents shall arrange for weighing machine for this purpose. The weighing instruments and such weights and measures must satisfy the requirements as prescribed under the Himachal Pradesh Weights and Measures Act, 1968, or any other law for the time being in force, shall be used for weighing or measuring agricultural produce in a notified market area.

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- 5) Agricultural Produce Market Committees shall have to ensure adequate number of weighing machines in their yards.
- 6) In case of any dispute with regard to weight, a Sub - Committee consisting of Seller, Buyer, Commission agent and APMC's representative, shall weigh the sample(s) on APMC's weighing machine, the weight so arrived, shall be considered final and conclusive.
- 7) All new licence, renewal of licence, and allocation of space in yard will be subject to condition that trade will be undertaken only on weightment basis.

These instructions will be implemented in letter and spirit in all the markets.

Member Secretary-Cum-
Managing Director.

Endst. No. HMB (F)10-8/2022 ¹⁸⁰⁻¹⁸⁹ Dated: Shimla-171002, 6th April, 2023

Copy forwarded of information to followings: -

1. Senior Private Secretary to the Agriculture Minister, H.P. Shimla-171002
2. Senior Private Secretary to the Horticulture Minister, H.P. Shimla-171002.
3. The Secretary (Agr.) the GoHP, Shimla-171002.
4. The Secretary (Hort.) the GoHP, Shimla-171002.

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5. The Director of Horticulture. H.P. Shimla-2 with a request to give wider publicity of above decision through the print and electronic media.
6. The Director of Agriculture. H.P. Shimla-5
7. The Director of Agricultural Marketing, Shimla-171005 with a request to adopt above norms under his jurisdiction in the market area.
8. Secretary(s) all APMCs in H.P.
9. HP. Fruit Growers Associations.
10. H.P. Aadiyas Associations.



Member Secretary-Cum-
Managing Director.