Definition of entities for broader understanding with respect to Stock declaration and stock limit compliance by the stakeholders, entities may be defined as below:

Wholesaler

Wholesaler is an entity engaged business to business trading activities, where they buy agri-horticultural commodities in bulk volume and sold to the other business entities like retailers, institutional buyers and/or any other businesses.

Dealer

Dealer is an entity engaged in selling/supply of agri-horticultural commodities to all types of buyer/customers like retailers, institutional buyers, processors or directly to consumers also. Dealer can also be providing buy/sell facilitation service on service fee/commission basis.

Stockist

Stockist is an entity engaged buying, storing and selling of agri-horticultural commodities in larger volumes. Stockists buy commodities from all types of sellers including farmers and sold to business customers only in bulk quantity.

Retailer

Retailer is entity who buy agri-horticultural commodities from the wholesaler processors and sell the same to the final consumers in small quantities.

Big Chain Retailers

Big Chain Retailer or Organized Retailer is an entity having retail stores in multiple locations within the states and/or multiple states and sell agrihorticultural commodities to the final consumers. Big Chain Retailers trades in agri-horticultural commodities of the final consumable form.

Miller

Miller is an entity which undertake conversion of raw agricultural commodities into consumable form. Miller may own the entire process chain of procurement, conversion and selling, and/or provide conversion service fee basis.

Manufacturer/Processor

Manufacturers/Processors are entities similar to the miller and/ or they may have additional activities involved in the business. Manufacturers/processors may add multiple types of value to the agri-horticultural commodities to make it in the final consumable form. The manufacturers/Processors may own the entire business operations or provide service to the other party service fee basis.

Importers

Importer is an entity which buy agri-horticultural commodities produced in other country and sell within the domestic market of the destination country. Importers buy agri horticultural commodities in bulk quantity and sell to the business entities. like Stockist, Millers, Manufacturers/Processors and others.

It is also proposed that we may put these definitions on stock declaration portal of DOCA for larger understanding of different stakeholders/entities, submitted for consideration please.