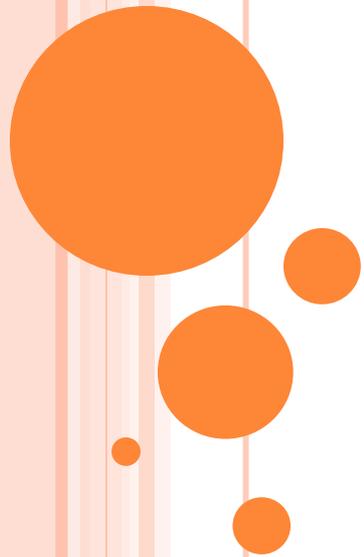


**AGMMA'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTAM
STANDARD CODES IN SRI LANKA**



AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION (AGMMA)

- Year of inauguration: 1990
- 30 members
- Represents most of the major agricultural machinery manufacturers and suppliers
- Ex-officio members
 - Dept. of Agriculture
 - Tea Research Institute
 - Ministry of Plantations



SOME KEY OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 1.** To keep abreast of the development in the Agricultural, Plantation and Agro Processing Machinery Manufacturing Industry and to make the necessary recommendations and to safeguard the common interest of members.
- 2.** To co-ordinate with Government entities and other organizations for research and development, testing, technical evaluation and promotion of Agricultural, plantation and Agro Processing Machinery and Equipment. Formulation and implementation of Farm, Plantation and Agro Processing mechanization and Industrial rationalization programs.
- 3.** Promotion of Local Manufacturers and suppliers of Agricultural, Plantation and Agro Processing Machinery and Equipment to initiate suitable action to meet the requirements of Farmers, Plantation Industries and agro Processing Sector.
- 4.** To continuously improve the quality and safety standards of locally manufactured or supplied or imported and supplied Agricultural, Plantation and Agro Processing Machinery and equipment.



PRODUCTS MARKETED BY AGMMA MEMBERS

- Tractor
- Power Tiller
- Tractor Implements
- Rice combine harvester
- Rice combine thresher
- Rice transplanter
- Rotary slasher
- Tine tiller
- Rotary Tiller
- Disc plough
- Semi Auto Knapsack sprayer
- Power Sprayer
- Mist blower/duster
- Hand sprayer
- Hoe
- Multi chopper
- Water pump
- Brush cutter



CURRENT PROBLEMS FACED BY THE INDUSTRY

- Import of agricultural machinery without prior testing under local conditions
 - No incentive for importers to get the product tested or certified
 - No mandatory requirement for the machinery suppliers to adhere to minimum conditions to market agricultural machinery
 - Lack of knowledge of the farmers about new/established technology
 - Lack of training opportunities for farmers/customers and operators of agricultural machinery
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ANTAM STANDARD CODES IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of ANTAM Standard Codes for specific machinery should take into account

- Risk averseness of farmers for new technology
- Cost of technologically new products



SUGGESTIONS

- Local farmer/customers to be made aware about the ANTAM Standard Codes applicable to major agricultural machinery
- Local testing/certification body to publish the ANTAM Standard Codes applicable for the respective product and whether it would be applied in part or whole
- Local testing/certification body to specify the period for testing and certification (for certified and uncertified products)
- Only lab test and field adaptability tests to be carried out for already certified products.
- Cost of testing to be kept at a affordable range since most of the local members are mainly distributors or small scale manufacturers

THANK YOU

