



Eighth Annual Meeting of the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery including a Session on Sub regional and International Standards

**ASEAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS AND QUALITY
(ACCSQ)
STANDARDS & CONFORMANCE ACTIVITIES**

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ASEAN, through the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ):

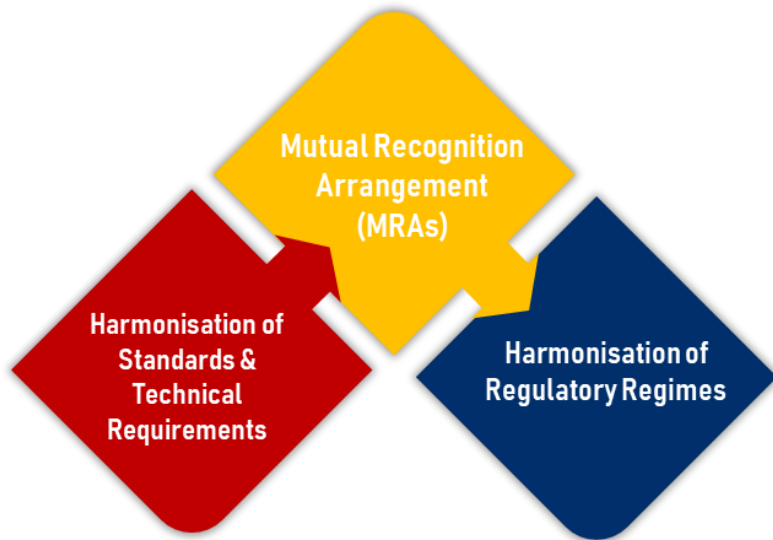
- established in 1992 with the aim to eliminate technical barriers to trade (TBT) related to Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures (STRACAP).
- addressing technical barriers to trade to ease movements of goods across the region, and with the other trade partners.
- non-tariff barriers including technical barriers to trade posed by standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures can limit the flow of goods and the growth of businesses.

INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- 1 Information exchange on Laws, Rules, Regulatory Regimes On Standards And Conformity Assessment Procedures;
- 2 Harmonization of standards, technical requirements and conformity assessment procedures, including legal metrology;
- 3 Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA);
- 4 Harmonization of Regulatory Regimes;
- 5 Cooperation with Dialogue Partners (DP);
- 6 Implementation of TBT Chapter of ASEAN +1 Free Trade Area (FTA) Agreement.

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ADDRESSING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE



BENEFITS OF TBT ELIMINATION

-  **Government**
 - Increase GDP
 - Better international trade relations
-  **Business**
 - Lower trade costs
 - Increased business opportunities
-  **Citizens**
 - Increased variety of consumer choices
 - Competitive price, quality

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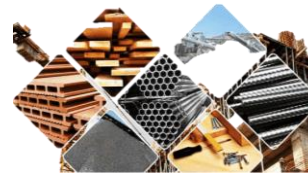
FOCUS PRIORITY SECTORS



Agro-based products
(e.g Prepared foodstuff)



Automotive products



Building & Construction



Rubber based products



Electrical & Electronics Equipment



Healthcare products
(Cosmetics, Medical Device, Pharmaceutical, Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements)



Wood-based products

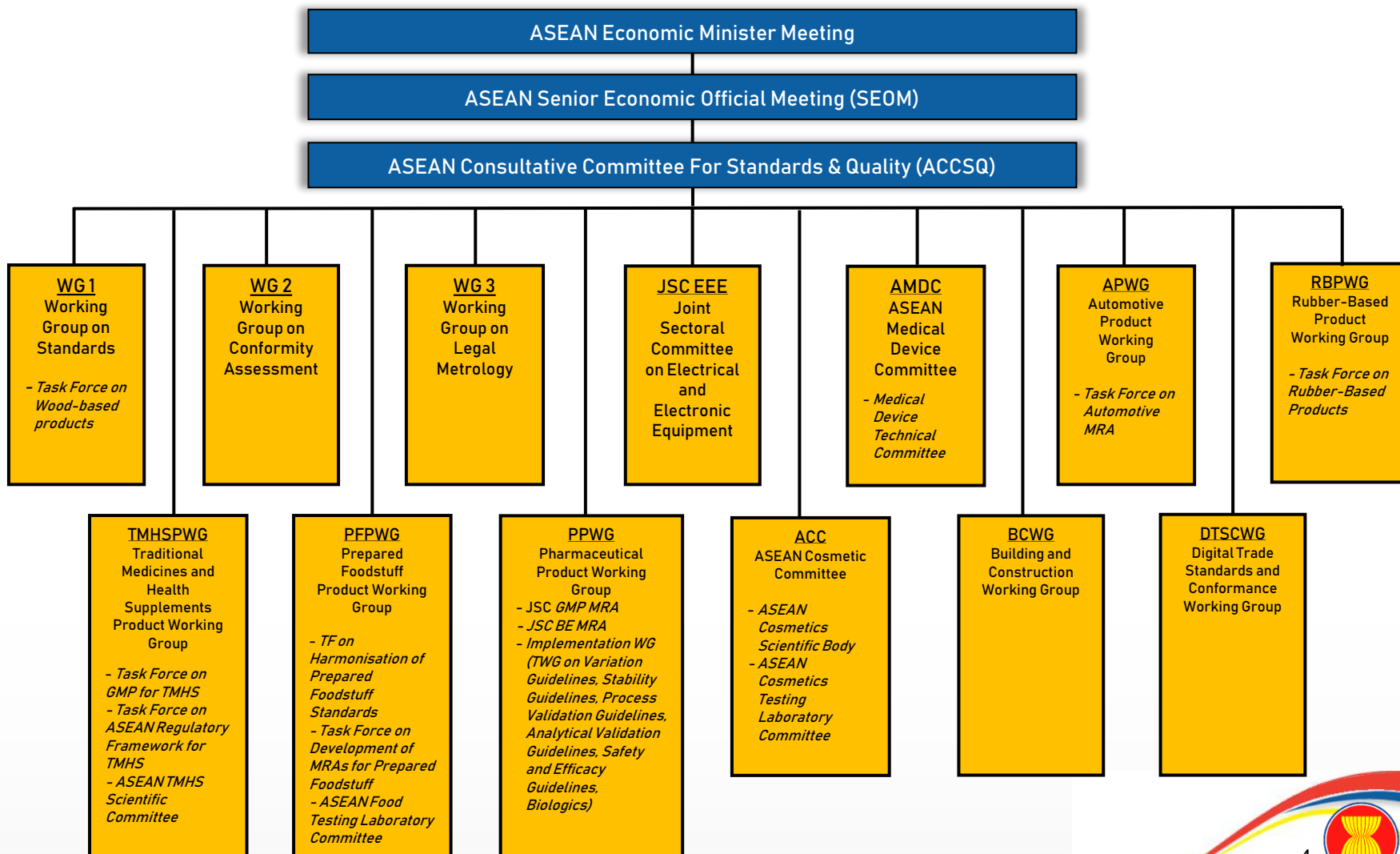


Digital Trade

Note: The priority sectors were agreed by the ASEAN Ministers in 2004 as part of the ASEAN integration initiative. One new sector is being considered by ACCSQ either: (1) Industrial Chemical, or (2) 4IR (including Smart Manufacturing and Additive Manufacturing)

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ACCSQ STRUCTURE



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1

Harmonisation of Standards and Technical Requirements

- Harmonise national standard of the ASEAN Member States with focus on the ASEAN priority sector.
- Harmonisation is based on international standards, e.g.
 - International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)
 - International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- Reference Document:
 - ASEAN Guidelines for Harmonisation of Standards



Achievements:

- ✓ **329 standards** have been identified for harmonisation and uploading on the ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR):
 1. 15 standards under the 20 Priority Products, Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Standards;
 2. 122 standards under Electrical and Electronic Equipment sector;
 3. 32 standards under Medical Device sector;
 4. 73 standards under Rubber-based product sector;
 5. 58 standards under Wood-based product sector;
 6. 2 standards under Cosmetic sector; and
 7. 27 standards under Conformity Assessment area.

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2

Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)

- Provide recognition of test results and product certifications.
- Allowing the product to be tested and certified by laboratories and certification bodies listed by ASEAN.
- Reference Documents:
 - ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements.
 - Guidelines for the Development of Mutual Recognition Arrangements.



Achievements:

1. ASEAN Sectoral MRA for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (5 April 2002)
2. ASEAN Sectoral MRA for GMP Inspection of Manufacturers for Medicinal Products (10 April 2009)
3. ASEAN MRA on Bio-Equivalence (BE) Study Report (2 November 2017)
4. MRA on Inspection and Certification System on Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuff (27 April 2018)
5. MRA on Type Approval for Automotive Products, and MRA on Building and Construction Materials (16 January 2021)
6. MRA on Building and Construction Materials (target for signing by 2022)
7. ASEAN Framework Agreement on MRA (target for signing by 2022)

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3

Harmonisation of Regulatory Regime

- Going beyond harmonisation of standards and technical requirements and MRA, ASEAN seeks to establish coherent regulatory regimes in ASEAN.
- Reference Documents:
 - ASEAN Principles on Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes



Achievements:

1. Agreement on the ASEAN Harmonised Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme, and ASEAN Cosmetic Directive (2 September 2003)
2. Agreement on the ASEAN Harmonised Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (9 December 2005)
3. ASEAN Medical Device Directive (21 November 2014)
4. ASEAN Food Safety Regulatory Framework Agreement (target for signing in 2022)
5. ASEAN Agreements on Regulatory Framework for Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements (for signing in 2022)

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ACCSQ CHAIR'S INPUTS ON ANTAM INITIATIVES

- TRUST that the activities of ACCSQ are useful information to ANTAM National Focal Points in the area of agricultural machinery.
- APPRECIATE the harmonization work of ANTAM in ensuring that testing standards for agricultural machineries are compatible among its members and that the machineries are safe, efficient and environmentally sound.
- APPRECIATE the importance of reliable and available testing stations for agricultural machineries. We recommend that the testing stations would also consider accreditation to international standards to demonstrate competence and acceptability of results globally.
- RECOGNISE the plan to initiate the establishment of MRA to recognize test results among ANTAM members.
- APPRECIATE the opportunity to share the work of ACCSQ with ANTAM.



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