



High-Level Policy Dialogue on Trade Facilitation through International Standards and Mutual Recognition of Agricultural Machinery Testing

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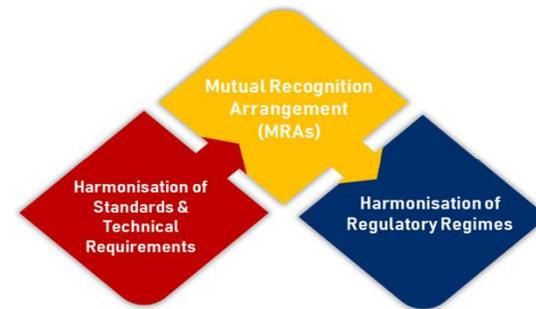
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- established in 1992 with the aim to eliminate technical barriers to trade (TBT) related to Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures (STRACAP).
- addressing technical barriers to trade (TBT) to ease movements of goods 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.

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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



Focused Priority Sectors



Agro-based products
(e.g Prepared foodstuff)



Building & Construction



Electrical & Electronics Equipment



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



Automotive products



Rubber based products



Wood-based products

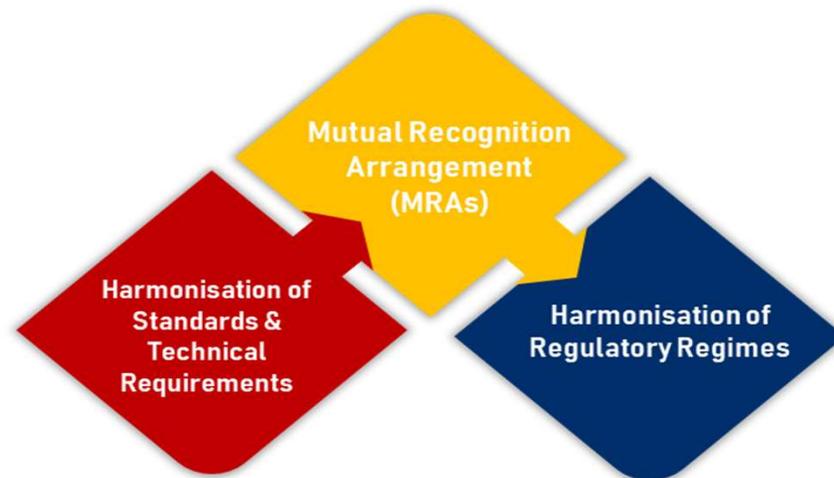


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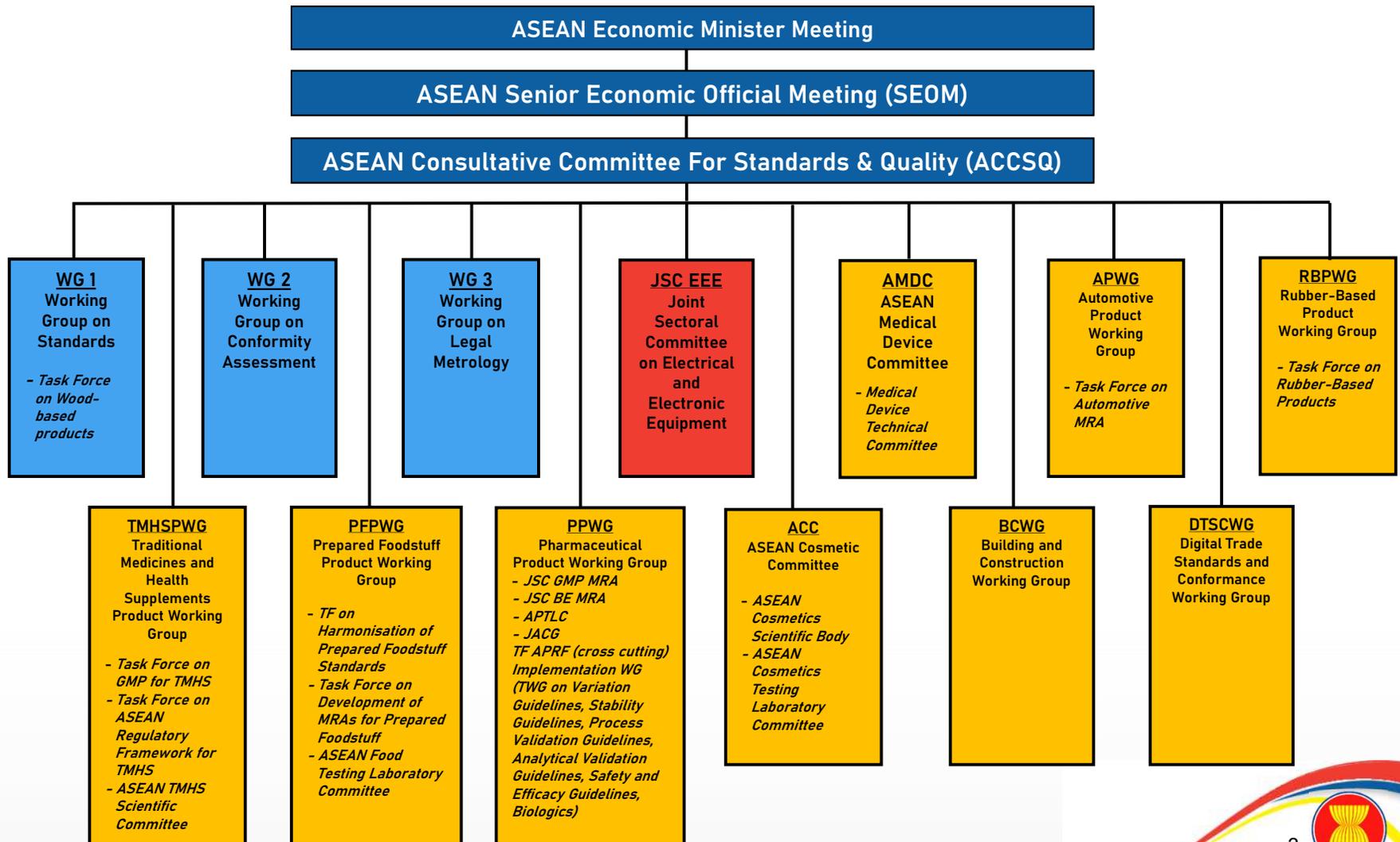
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Vientiane Action Programme (VAP)
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Harmonisation of Standards and Technical Requirements

- 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



Standards

- ✓ **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.

Technical Requirements:

1. 10 UN Regulations on Automotive
2. 10 Health Supplements
3. 9 Traditional Medicines
4. 15 Medical Device
5. 7 Pharmaceuticals
6. 7 Prepared foodstuff
7. 8 Cosmetics

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Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)

Progress:

- 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.



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. *Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Inspection of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products (target for signing in 2023)
7. MRA on Building and Construction Materials (target for signing in 2023)
8. Revised ASEAN Framework Agreement on MRA (target for signing in 2023)



JSC EEE
Joint
Sectoral
Committee
on Electrical
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Electronic
Equipment

Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE)

A regional committee consisting of Regulatory Authorities of ASEAN Member States:

- Implement the ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ASEAN EE MRA) and the ASEAN Harmonised Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (AHEEERR)
- Perform Listing, suspension, removal and verification of Testing Laboratories and/or Certification Bodies
- Provide a forum for discussion of issues that may arise concerning the implementation of the ASEAN EE MRA and AHEEERR.
- Review and propose amendments to the scope and coverage of the Agreements.
- Consider ways to enhance the operation of the Agreements.



Enablers: ASEAN EE MRA and AHEEERR

Regulatory Authority (RA)

An entity that exercises a legal right to control the import, use or sale of electrical and electronic equipment within each ASEAN Member State's authority

Designation Body (DB)

A body appointed by a Party, with responsibility to identify and monitor Listed Testing Laboratories and/or Certification Bodies (Listed CABs)

Accreditation Body (AB)

A body that accredits and guarantees the competence of conformity assessment bodies (CABs) based on ISO/IEC standards

Suppliers

Importer, manufacturer or trader places a product in the market.

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Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)

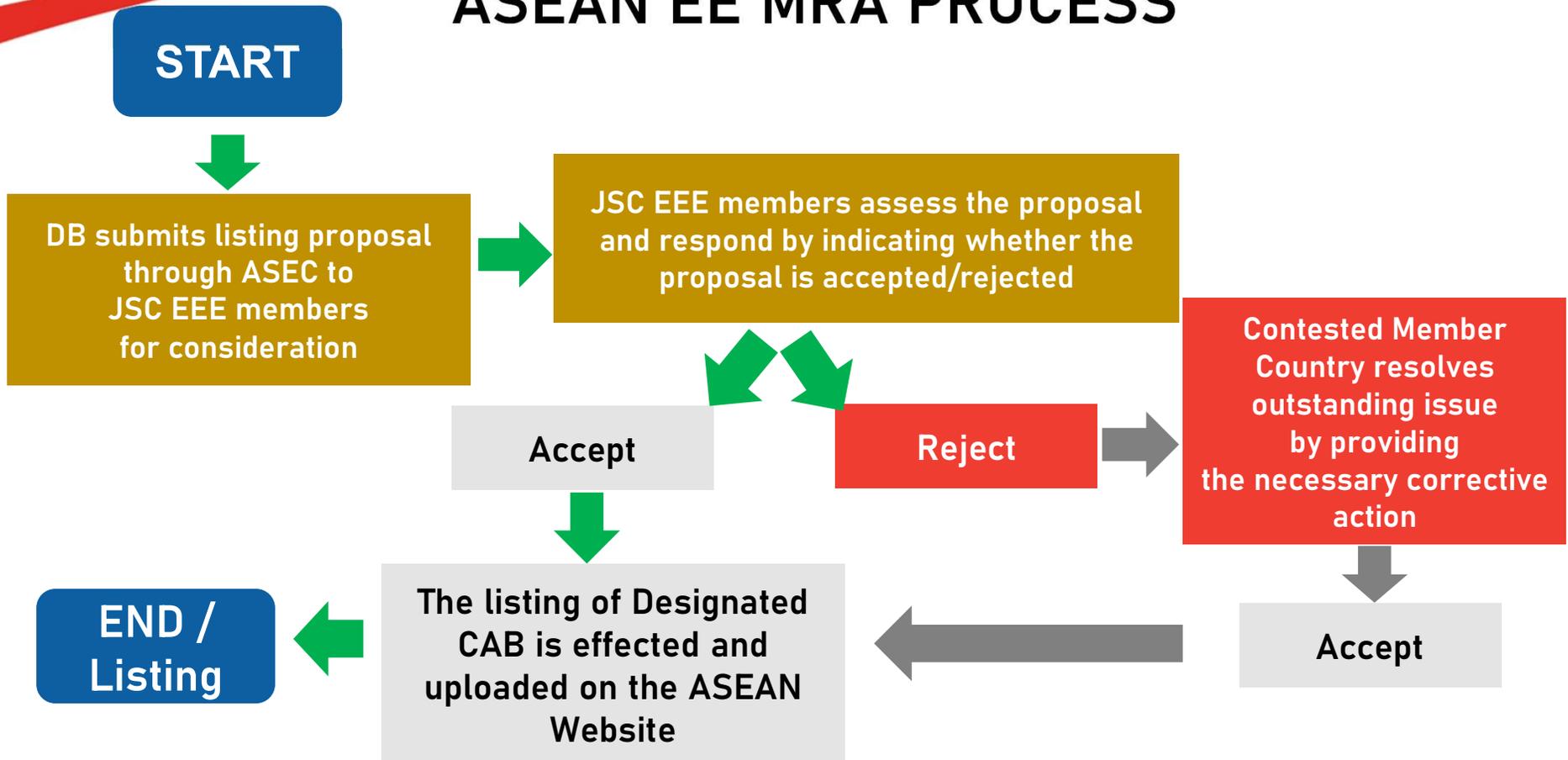
General Requirements for the competence of CAB

Testing Laboratory	Certification Body
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ ISO/IEC 17025 - <i>General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.</i>➤ IEC Certification Body (IECEE CB) Scheme➤ International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) MRA➤ Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) MRA (Product Testing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ ISO/IEC 17065 - <i>Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services</i>➤ International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA)➤ Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation MRA (Product Certification)

Consumers



ASEAN EE MRA PROCESS



Listed CABs are uploaded on the ASEAN website:

<https://asean.org/listed-testing-laboratories-and-certification-bodies-under-the-asean-sectoral-mra-for-electrical-and-electronic-equipment/>

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Harmonisation of Regulatory Regime

Progress:

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



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 2023)
5. ASEAN Agreements on Regulatory Framework for Traditional Medicines (target for signing in 2023)
6. ASEAN Agreements on Regulatory Framework Health Supplements (target for signing in 2023)



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