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

ASEAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS AND QUALITY (ACCSQ)

ONE VISION, ONE IDENTITY, ONE COMMUNITY
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.
Focused Priority Sectors

- Agro-based products (e.g. Prepared foodstuff)
- Automotive products
- Building & Construction
- Electrical & Electronics Equipment
- Healthcare products (Cosmetics, Medical Device, Pharmaceutical, Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements)
- Rubber based products
- Wood-based products
- Digital Trade and sustainability

ADDRESSING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

- Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRAs)
- Harmonisation of Standards & Technical Requirements
- Harmonisation of Regulatory Regimes
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ASEAN Economic Minister Meeting

ASEAN Senior Economic Official Meeting (SEOM)

ASEAN Consultative Committee For Standards & Quality (ACCSQ)

WG 1 Working Group on Standards
- Task Force on Wood-based products

WG 2 Working Group on Conformity Assessment

WG 3 Working Group on Legal Metrology

JSC EEE Joint Sectoral Committee on Electrical and Electronic Equipment

AMDC ASEAN Medical Device Committee
- Medical Device Technical Committee

APWG Automotive Product Working Group
- Task Force on Automotive MRA

RBPWG Rubber-Based Product Working Group
- Task Force on Rubber-Based Products

TMHSPWG Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements Product Working Group
- Task Force on GMP for TMHS
- Task Force on ASEAN Regulatory Framework for TMHS
- ASEAN TMHS Scientific Committee

PFPWG Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group
- TF on Harmonisation of Prepared Foodstuff Standards
- Task Force on Development of MRAs for Prepared Foodstuff
- ASEAN Food Testing Laboratory Committee

PPWG Pharmaceutical Product Working Group
- JSC GMP MRA
- JSC BE MRA
- APTLC
- JACG
- TF APRF (cross cutting) Implementation WG (TWG on Variation Guidelines, Stability Guidelines, Process Validation Guidelines, Analytical Validation Guidelines, Safety and Efficacy Guidelines, Biologics)

ACC ASEAN Cosmetic Committee
- ASEAN Cosmetics Scientific Body
- ASEAN Cosmetics Testing Laboratory Committee

BCWG Building and Construction Working Group

DTSCWG Digital Trade Standards and Conformance Working Group
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
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.

Progress:

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)*
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)
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.
Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)

**General Requirements for the competence of CAB**

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**Consumers**
ASEAN EE MRA PROCESS

START

DB submits listing proposal through ASEC to JSC EEE members for consideration

JSC EEE members assess the proposal and respond by indicating whether the proposal is accepted/rejected

Accept

Listed CABs are uploaded on the ASEAN website:

Reject

The listing of Designated CAB is effected and uploaded on the ASEAN Website

Contested Member Country resolves outstanding issue by providing the necessary corrective action

Accept

END / Listing
Harmonisation of Regulatory Regime

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

Progress:

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)
THANK YOU