

**ESTABLISHING COMMON RULES FOR STANDARDS AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES****PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project will support ASEAN in harmonising standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures with the objective of reducing technical barriers to trade (TBT) posed by differing standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures for priority sectors agreed in ASEAN. This would include agro-based based products, automotive, healthcare products and electrical and electronic equipment.

The project would provide mechanism to work towards achieving the following:

- enhancing legal framework for ASEAN quality infrastructure built on the ASEAN Policy Guideline on Standards and Conformance;
- feasibility study on the development of regional standards (ASEAN) and its supporting framework agreement at the regional level.
- conduct of pilot projects for the development of regional standards for selected priority product sector;
- development and implementation of common and harmonised approaches for accreditation and conformity assessment procedures and post market surveillance systems for ASEAN

**MAIN OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES**

To support ASEAN as a single market and production base by developing common rules in the area of standards and conformity assessment procedures.

To provide a framework for enhancing policies and procedures of ASEAN Member States related to on quality infrastructure (metrology, standardisation, testing, accreditation and quality).

It is expected that the feasibility of developing regional standards would be attained and/or a framework for harmonised standards for ASEAN.

**BENEFICIARIES**

The relevant stakeholders in ASEAN on standards and conformance such as ASEAN regulatory authorities, conformity assessment bodies, standards bodies, manufacturers, consumers.

**PROJECT STATUS**

The project will be implemented under the ASEAN Regional Integration Support from EU (ARISE) and the details of the specific activities of the project will be defined during the inception phase and in consultation with the ACCSQ.

**TARGET COMPLETION DATE**

July 2016

**IMPLEMENTING BODY**

ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)

**MODALITY & SOURCE OF FUNDING**

European Union (EU)

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## LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS

### A. Agro-based sector

- Develop and implement the common requirements for Harmonised Import-export Inspection and Certification System;
- Develop and implement the common requirements for ASEAN Audit and Certification of Food Hygiene and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP);
- Develop and implement guiding principles for the establishment and management of the ASEAN Food Reference Laboratories, covering mandate and necessary resources.

(Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group: Timeline 8/2012 – 7/2016).

### B. Cosmetics

- Establish a regional network of testing laboratories;
- Develop trainings modules and training materials material such as guidelines on preparation of Product Information File (PIF), safety evaluation, PIF audits, toxicology and safety assessment, efficacy assessment; for public sector (regulator, control authorities) and private sector (manufacturers);
- Develop training modules and Train The Trainer Programmes to ensure common understanding and interpretation of the technical requirements of the ACD;
- Develop a regional database of notified cosmetic products;
- Ensure regular involvement of private sector (consultation and raising awareness).

(ASEAN Cosmetic Committee: Timeline 8/2012 – 7/2016)

### C. Electrical and electronic equipment

- Develop the requirements for post market surveillance; (Joint Sectoral Committee on Electrical and Electronic Equipment: 2nd Quarter of 2013)

- Ensure regular involvement of private sector (consultation and awareness raising).

(Joint Sectoral Committee on Electrical and Electronic Equipment: 4th Quarter of 2014)