



# **UPDATES ON ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT ON TYPE APPROVAL FOR AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS (APMRA)**

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# ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN)

## ASEAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS & 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).

### FUNCTIONS

1

Information exchange on Laws, Rules, Regulatory Regimes On Standards And Conformity Assessment Procedures;

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Harmonization of standards, technical requirements and conformity assessment procedures, including legal metrology;

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Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA);

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Harmonization of Regulatory Regimes;

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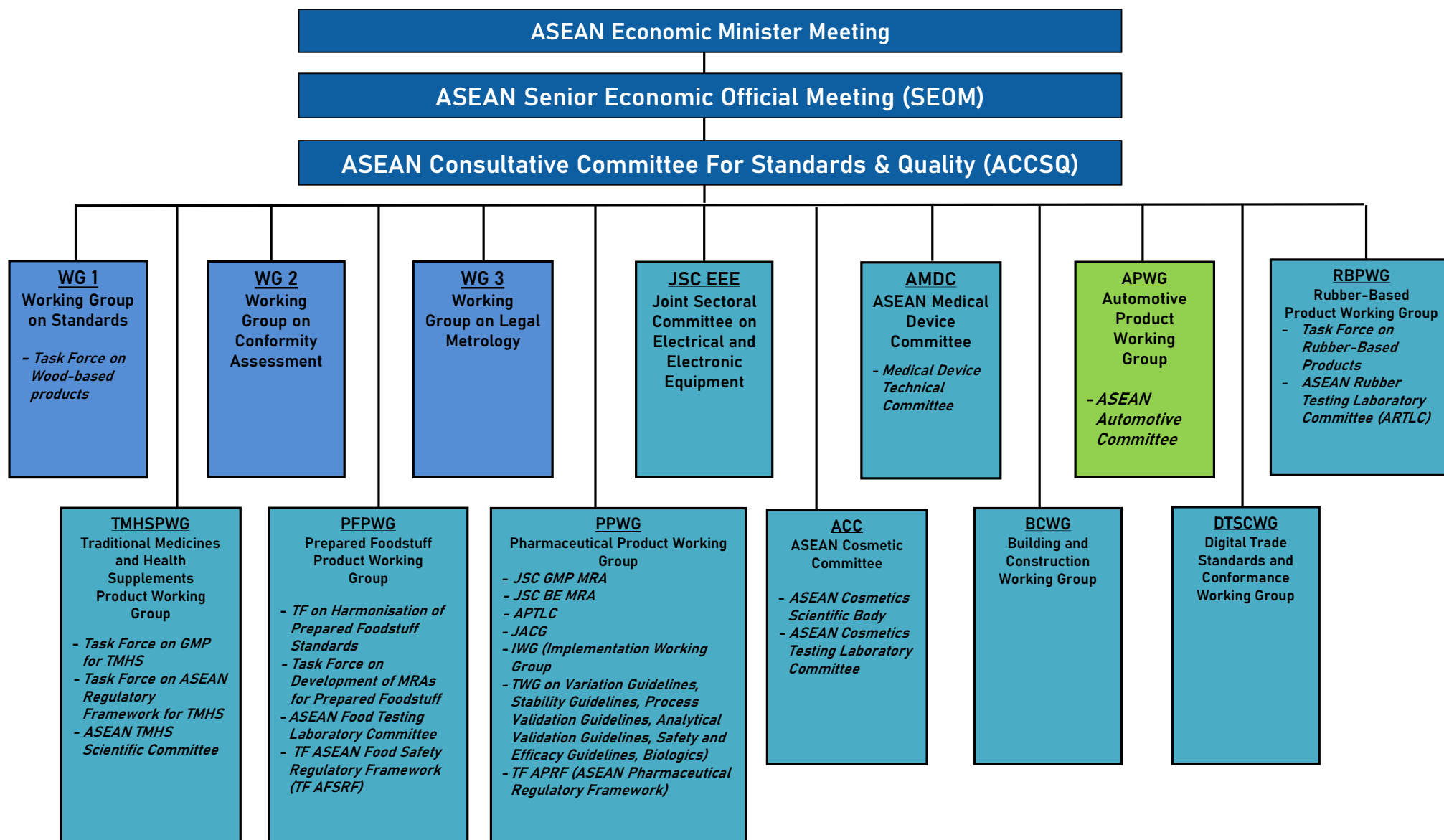
Cooperation with Dialogue Partners (DP);

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Implementation of TBT Chapter of ASEAN +1 Free Trade Area (FTA) Agreement.

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## Structure



# Automotive Products Harmonising Standards and Technical Regulations

**ASEAN MRA on Type Approval of Automotive Products (APMRA)** – regional initiative that provides a mechanism to recognise the testing and inspection results of the automotive products from the exporting ASEAN Member State (AMS) in ASEAN by the importing AMS.

Testing and inspection will be conducted based on the requirements of the priority 19 UNECE regulations (Annex 1 of the APMRA):

No	Phase 1		No	Phase 1	
	Description	UNR		Description	UNR
1.	Braking	R13	11.	Seatbelt anchorage	R14
2.	Braking System (M1, N1)	R13H	12.	Safety Glazing Materials and their Installation	R43
3.	Seat	R17	13.	Exhaust emission (Motorcycle)	R40
4.	Head Restraint	R25	14.	Exhaust Emission(HDV)	R49
5.	Audible Warning Device	R28	15.	Seatbelt	R16
6.	Speedometer	R39	16.	Pneumatic Tyre (HDV)	R54
7.	Noise (Motorcycle)	R41	17.	Pneumatic Tyre (L category)	R75
8.	Rear View Mirror	R46	18.	Pneumatic Tyre (LDV)	R30
9.	Sound emission (Motor Vehicles having 4 wheels)	R51	19.	Exhaust Emission (LDV)	R83
10.	Steering System	R79			



# **Automotive Products Harmonising Standards and Technical Regulations**

APMRA:

- facilitates the flow of automotive products in the region without compromising the safety and quality of the products.
- supports the development of automotive industry through compliance with internationally accepted requirements on automotive - the UN Regulations.
- With the harmonised requirements, the manufacturer will not be burdened to produce different product designs to meet and market their products to ASEAN that complies with safety and quality requirements.
- Hence, APMRA provide greater exchange of automotive parts and components within ASEAN.



## **APMRA Ratification Status**

- APMRA was signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) on 16 January 2021.
- Entered into force on **15 January 2022** (*for AMS who submitted the Instrument of Ratification (IOR) or Instrument of Notification (ION) of the APMRA to the ASEAN Secretary General*)
- Ratification of the APMRA:
  - Thailand submitted the IoN on 19 July 2021
  - Viet Nam submitted the IoR on 13 January 2022.
  - Myanmar submitted the IoR on 31 May 2022.
  - Malaysia provide the IoR on 4 August 2023
  - Singapore provide the IoR on 16 August 2023

The status on the ratification of APMRA can be found on  
this link:

<http://agreement.asean.org/agreement/detail/380.html>

## **APMRA Ratification Status of remaining AMS**

No	AMS	Update on the notification/ratification of APMRA
1	Brunei Darussalam	The document is under review by the Attorney General Chambers for domestic clearance.
2	Cambodia	The draft notice of ratification is currently under the Office of The Council of Ministers for approval procedures
3	Indonesia	Indonesia plans to schedule the ratification process of the APMRA next year in accordance with the applicable national procedures
4	Lao PDR	The instrument of ratification is in the final stage to submit the IoN to ASEAN Secretariat
5	Philippines	The instrument of ratification is in the process of domestic consultation. Philippines will endeavor to submit the instrument of ratification by 2026.





## **Guidance Document for Implementation of APMRA**

- ASEAN Automotive Committee (AAC) has developed the Guidance Document for the Implementation of APMRA.
- The Guidance Document provides the information and mechanism on the implementation of the MRA and was endorsed by the APWG at the 40<sup>th</sup> APWG Meeting on 27-28 October 2025 and by the ACCSQ through ad-referendum endorsement on 18 November 2025.
- AMS who has ratified the APMRA can commence the implementation of the APMRA





## Rights and Obligations of Member States in the APMRA

Rights of Member States	Obligations of Member States
Designate Technical Services(TS) (testing and inspection) for recognition or acceptance of results by another AMS.	Designate only competent Technical Services
Receive timely notifications and regulatory updates	Notify AMS and the Secretariat of changes on the listed TS
Participate in APWG review and decision-making	Participate actively in AAC and APWG meeting and reporting
May raise concerns on non- compliance or interpretation issue	Address concern raised by other AMS and provide corrective action



## Rights and Obligations of Member States in the APMRA

Rights of Member States	Obligations of Member States
Maintain national regulatory autonomy	Align national regulations with agreed UN Regulations
Request capacity-building or technical assistance	Improve national readiness and testing capacity/capability
Right to fair and non-discriminatory treatment	Apply APMRA procedures transparently and consistently



# THANK YOU!



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