



Progress Report of the 4th ASEAN Automotive Committee Meeting

12th Public and Private Joint Forum in Asian Region (i.e. the 26th Asia Government and Industry (G/I) Meeting), 7-8 December 2021

BACKGROUND

4th AAC Meeting, 2 December 2021

- The 4th Meeting of ASEAN Automotive Committee (AAC) Meeting was held on 2 December 2021 via video conference, hosted by the ASEAN Secretariat.
- This was an added Meeting to this year-end agreed by ASEAN Member States (AMS) at the 3rd AAC Meeting to finalise the Draft Guidance Document for the Implementation of the Automotive Product Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APMRA), prior to the Arrangement's entry into force (EIF) on 16 January 2022.



OUTCOMES

THE AAC:

- **NOTED** proposed revisions to the draft Guidance Document as follows:
 - a) editorial amendments;
 - b) removal of WORST-CASE guidelines.
 - c) revision to the Supplementary Provision Table;
 - d) additional option to the test report format;
 - e) others.

OUTCOMES

THE AAC:

- **DILIBERATED** the amendments and **INCORPORATED** the changes agreed by the Meeting to the draft Guidance Document;
- **NOTED** the Viet Nam's proposal to remove the guidelines on WORST-CASE guidelines from the draft Guidance Document, included the consensus from Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association (VAMA), who is one of the members of AAF that proposed the inclusion of the guidelines;
- **AGREED** for AAF to sort out their differences with VAMA and inform Viet Nam of the outcome, prior to making a final decision on whether or not to exclude the guidelines on WORST-CASE from the draft Guidance Document.



OUTCOMES

THE AAC:

- **REQUESTED** further verification/justification for all other proposed amendments to the draft Guidance Document, which the Meeting had yet to reach a decision, to be submitted by 24 December 2021 for AMS to review and respond by 7 January 2022.
- **AGREED** for AMS that have ratified the APMRA to rely on the APMRA to conduct MRA of automotive parts and systems among themselves after the EIF of the APMRA on 16 January 2022, should the Guidance Document not finalise by then.
- **NOTED** that Thailand remained the only AMS that had submitted the Instrument of Notification on completion of their internal procedures for the entry into force of the APMRA.



OUTCOMES

THE AAC:

- **URGED** remaining AMS to complete their ratification and submit their Instrument of Notification/Ratification soonest possible;
- **AGREED** that the APMRA Trial Run may be continued in parallel with the APMRA after its EIF on 16 January 2022, till both participating industry and regulatory members are confident to use the APMRA.

THANK YOU!



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