

# **Mutual Recognition Agreements embedded in Integrated Food Control System For Fishery Export in Myanmar**

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# Food Control and Food Control System

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- **Food Control** : “*the Mandatory Regulatory Activity of enforcement by national or local Authorities to provide consumer protection and ensure that all foods during production, handling, storage, processing, packaging, transportation, distribution and sale are safe, wholesome and fit for human consumption; conform to safety and quality requirements; and are honestly and accurately labeled as prescribed by law”*
- **Food Control System** ( at National Level)
  - (1) **Food Legislation** - the comprehensive body of appropriate food law
  - (2) **Food Control Management** -the continuous process of Monitoring ,Controlling & Surveillance
  - (3) **Inspection Services**- operated by Gov. or independent organizations, inspector is key functionary
  - (4) **Laboratory Services** -essential, support for food law enforcement by providing Scientific data
  - (5) **IEC** – important for efficacy, can be used to educate consumer and to encourage food industry for adoption of good practices

# Important Stakeholders

National authorities have the responsibility of protecting public health by reducing the risk of food-borne disease and providing food safety education and information to consumers and the food industry.

**Government**



**Food Industry**

**Consumer**

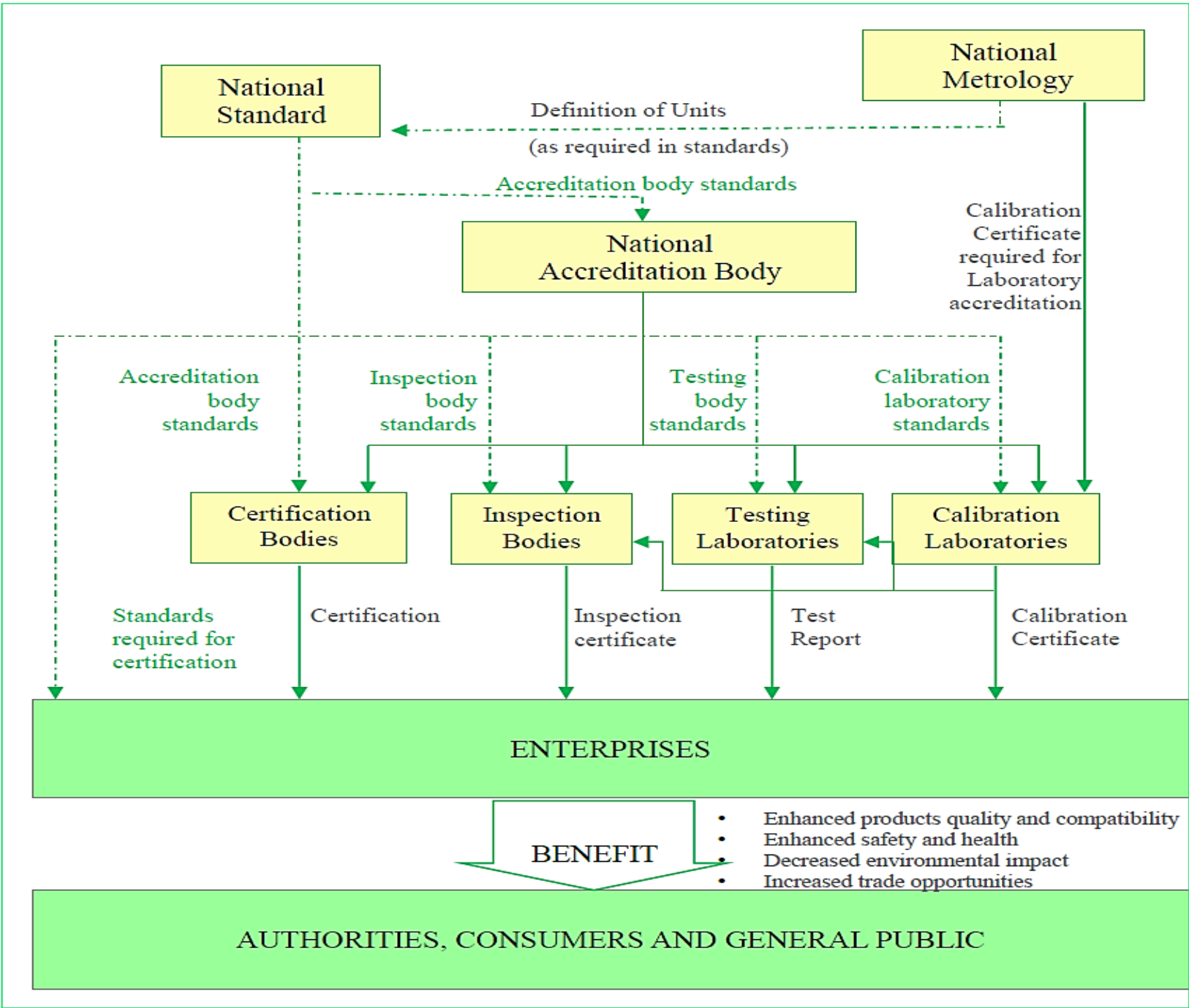
Ultimate responsibility for food safety lies with food producers, processors, retailers, preparers and servers. The capacity to fulfill their roles adequately depends on their ability to understand, establish and follow effective food control systems.

They are entitled to safe, wholesome food. They have responsibilities on their own by proper good hygienic practices when handling, storing while following manufacturers' recommendations on labels. However they cannot expect the sole provision from firm.

# Food Control System for Public Health and Trade

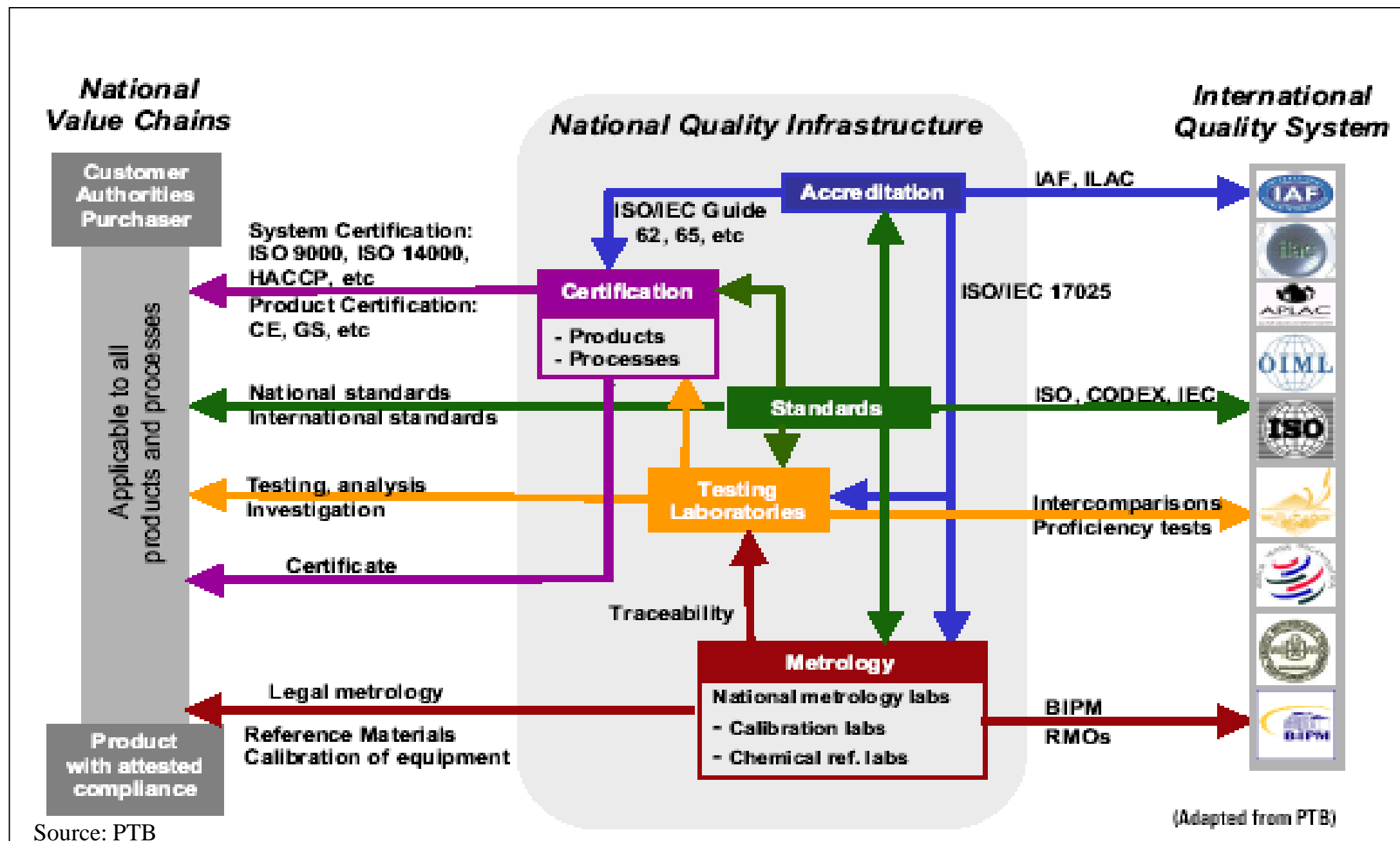
- Food control is a tool to achieve safety either for hygienic-based or price-based food demand
- Food Control System to be provided by government agencies for protection of consumer from unsafe foods(Alomirah,2010).
- Competent Authority-CA is the central authority of a state for official controls or any other authority to which competence is conferred (EDES,2012).CA is the official government agency having jurisdiction(CAC,1999)
- Food Business Operators-FBOs mean natural or legal persons responsible for ensuring that the requirements of food law are met within the food business under their control (FSA,2007) who involve in food chain commercially [i.e. producers,processors,traders,exporters,importers retailers, etc.]
- Consumer an active group through dialogue for safer food in risk governance framework (Cope and Frewer,2010)

# Linkage between National Quality Infrastructure and Food Control System



Source: World Bank (2007)

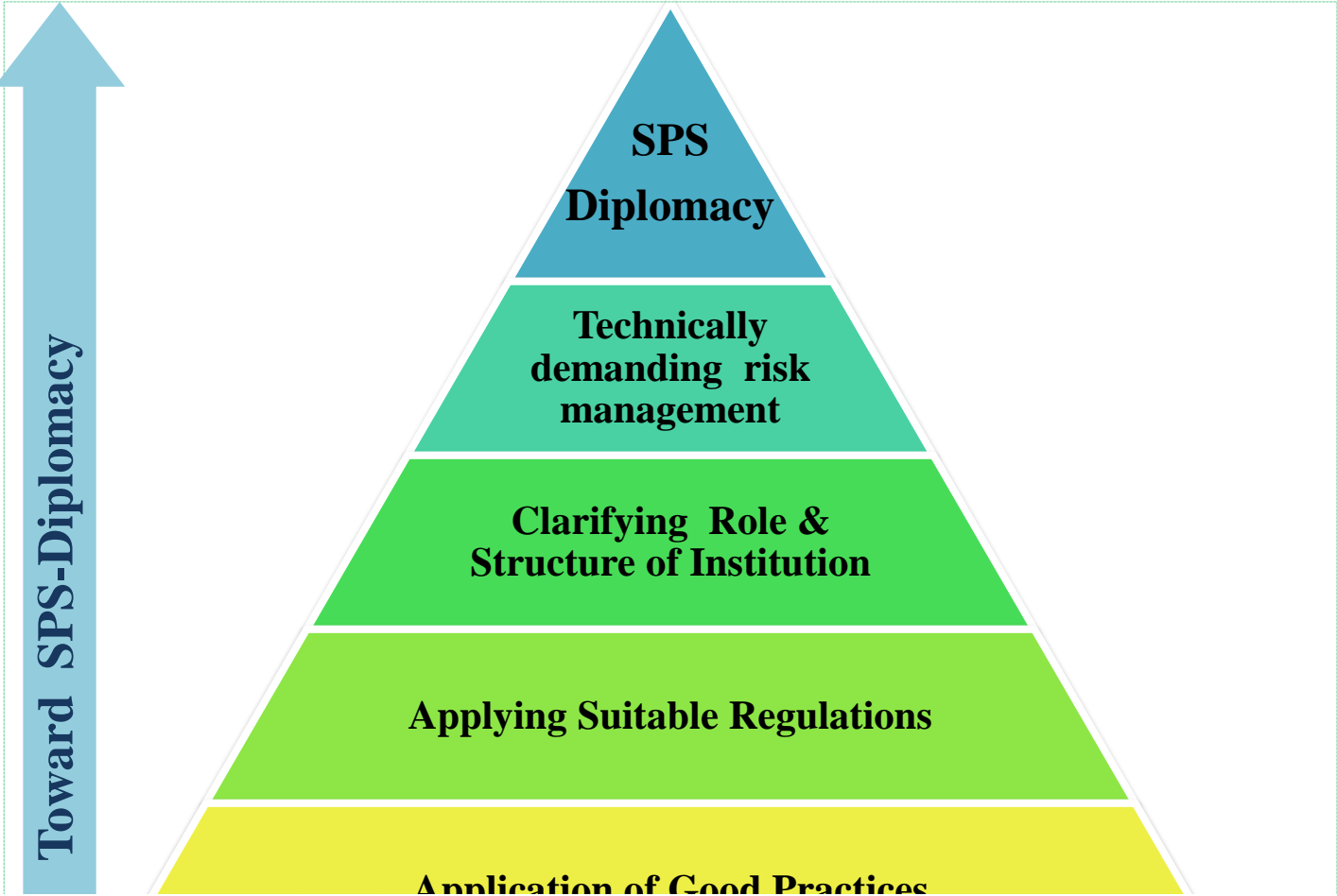
# Quality System Relationship



**National Quality Infrastructure NQI** an institutional framework that establishes and implements conformity assessment services, accreditation, standardization, metrology (Tippmann, 2013).

# SPS Management for Trade

Figure.SPS management functions for trade



- **SPS management functions** 6 levels
- **SPS Diplomacy** for engaging fully with trading countries (Henson and Blandon,2007)
- **SPS capacity building** needs to link domestic policy objectives and agri-food export promotion (STDF, 2013)
- **Clarifying role of Institutions** Well-defined organizational structure supported by funding can confer analytical function, surveillance,

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