Introduction to Mutual Recognition Agreements in ASEAN

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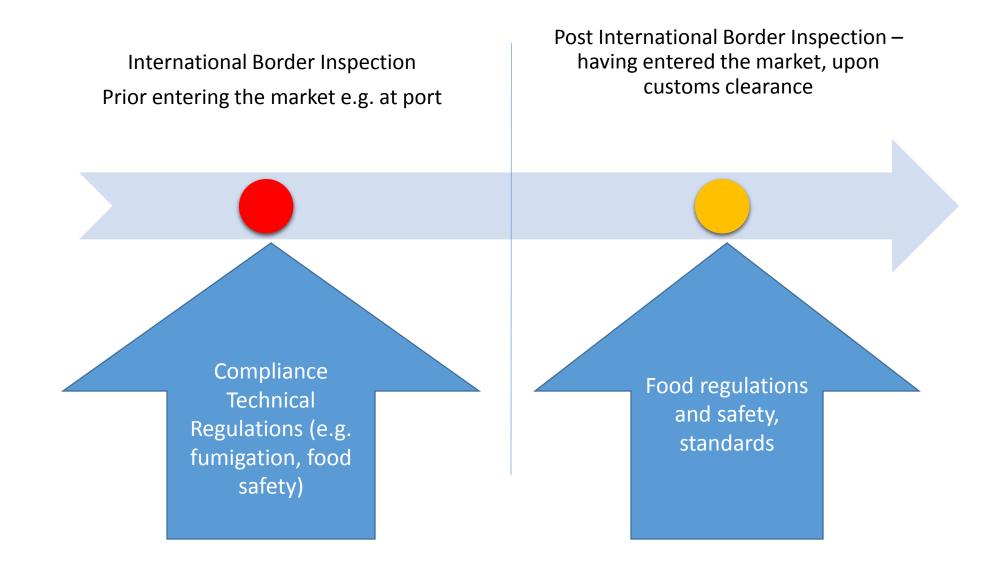


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Definitions of Mutual Recognition

Cross Border Requirements



Food Safety and Food Standards Traceability System

Primary Products and Ingredients

- Suppliers of Raw Materials
- Compliance to Standards and Regulations relating to Farming Methods, Catching Methods and Product Safety

Secondary Products and Ingredients

 Compliance to rules and standards relating to food production techniques, production methods and the end products

Manufacturer

- Labelling to meet international rules and standards
- Food nutrient and claim
- Intellectual Property protected

Mutual Recognition

Reciprocity

- Exchange of equivalent promises to recognize each other regulations between two countries
- Accepts standards in other country to the one of its own

Acceptance

 acceptance of regulatory conditions for goods and services required in one country (exporting origin/home country) as equivalent with the conditions necessary in another country (importing country/host country).

Principle in Casis de Dijon (EU)

- If a product can be sold lawfully in one jurisdiction, it can be sold freely in any other participating jurisdiction, without having to comply with the regulations of these other jurisdictions regardless of the differences in standards or other sale related regulatory requirements.
- A process of approval can be obtained domestically by the producers and exporters set by the national law based on the same requirement set by the destination country.

Characteristics

- National rules and regulations being recognized by another State
- Judicial and Political
 - Judicial mainly in the European Union eg. Casis de Dijon; German Beer cases
 - Political imposes the contractual norm = agreements
- Do not require full harmonization of rules and regulations
- Establishment of institutional mechanisms



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