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I. FTAG – Intrduction (Background and Justification)

ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint

Defines free movement of goods as one of its goals, emphasising the important role of measures facilitating trade.

Intra-ASEAN trade

Lagging behind expectations as only around 30% of Member State trade takes place within ASEAN

Agriculture, a core sector in AEC

Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia trade heavily in agricultural goods within ASEAN

Food Safety & Phytosanitary Measures (and associated processes)

- Not yet harmonised between ASEAN Member States
- Resulting intensive border controls can lead to goods being stuck at the border
- Consistent food quality cannot be guaranteed
 - Increase in trading costs

II. FTAG Linkages to ASEAN Policy Framework

Relevant ASEAN SPS Guidelines/agenda

- ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement: Chapter 8 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Protocol 8 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit
- ASEAN Framework Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangements
- Workshop on ASEAN Regional Guideline for Implementation of International Standards Related to SPS Measures in Feb. 2018
- Strategic Plan of Action of the ASEAN SPS Contact Points (2016-2020)

III. FTAG Linkages to ASEAN Policy Framework (ASCP)

Strategic Plan of Action of the ASEAN SPS Contact Points

Strategic Thrust 1: Strengthening of Coordination Arrangement on SPS in the Region, Action Program

Strategic Thrust 2: Enhancement of SPS Cooperation and Exchange of Information in the Region, Action Program

Strategic Thrust 3: Promotion of Harmonization of SPS-Related Measures in the Region, Action Program

FTAG support: Dialogue platforms/consultations, PS information exchange, harmonization of PS measures (relevant ISPMs) and procedures, and capacity development (i.e. PRA, pest surveillance and quarantine)

IV. FTAG Linkages to ASEAN Coordinating Committee on SPS (AC-SPS)

- Presented lessons learnt and recommendations in support of implementation of PS measures based in three countries
 - cross-linkages & synergies of ASW, ROO, Custom Procedures and SPS
 - synergies of PS related measures among concerned ASEAN bodies (i.e. ASWGC, ASCP and AC-SPS)
 - Public-private sector engagement
- Facilitating PS information exchange using existing ASEAN websites (Crops) and capacity development on PS and food safety

V. FTAG and Linkage to FAF Vision and SP (2016-2025)

ASEAN Vision and Strategic Plan of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) (2016-2025)

Vision:

A competitive, inclusive, resilient and sustainable Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (FAF) sector integrated with the global economy, based on a single market and production base contributing to food and nutrition security and prosperity in the ASEAN Community

Goals:

- Ensuring equitable, sustainable and inclusive growth
- Alleviating poverty and eradicating hunger
- Ensuring food security, food safety and better nutrition
- Deepening regional integration
- Enhancing access to global markets
- Increasing resilience to, and contributing to mitigation and adaptation of climate change, natural disasters and other shocks
- Achieving Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

V. FTAG and Linkage to FAF Vision and SP (2016-2025) - 2

ASEAN Vision and Strategic Plan of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) (2016-2025)

To achieve the Vision and Goals of FAF

Priority areas of cooperation/Strategic Thrust

- 1. Enhance quantity and quality of production with sustainable, 'green' technologies, resource management systems, and minimise pre- and postharvest losses and waste:
- 2. Enhance trade facilitation, economic integration and market access;
- 3. Ensure food security, food safety, better nutrition and equitable distribution.
- 4. Increase resilience to climate change, natural disasters and other shocks;
- 5. Assist resource constrained small producers and SMEs to improve productivity, technology and product quality, to meet global market standards and increase competitiveness.
- 6. Strengthen ASEAN joint approaches on international and regional issues affecting the FAF sector.
- 7. Promote sustainable forest management.

VI. SPA Crops

Strategic Plan of Action (SPA) for ASEAN Cooperation on Crops (2016-2020)

Working Group: ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC)

Strategic Thrust 2. Enhance trade facilitation, economic integration and market access

Consist of the following Action Programme:

- 2.1 Identify and eliminate NTBs that have no economic or scientific rationale and implement trade facilitation measures
- 2.2 Harmonize accreditation, inspection and certification so that uniform requirements will prevail ASEAN-wide, enabling the recognition of equivalence
- 2.3 Streamline and improve quarantine systems and procedures, and harmonize standards and regulations
- 2.4 Involve the private sector in identifying priority products for harmonisation of standards and regulations to focus scarce scientific and technical resources on high pay-off products.

VII. FTAG linkage and contribution

SPA for ASEAN Cooperation on Crops (2016-2020)

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Action Programme 2.1.

Identify and eliminate NTBs that have no economic or scientific rationale and implement TF measures

ACTIVITY	SUB-ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE ASEAN BODIES/ LEAD COUNTRY	TIMELINES	OUTPUT INDICATORS
2.1.2 Reduce physical inspection rate of goods by developing more sophisticated risk management system to improve	2.1.2.1 Develop and adopt guidelines for inspection rate of high volume commodities based on risk align with international and regional standards.	ASWGC/EWG- PS	2019	Guidelines developed and approved.
trade facilitation and reduce delays.				•

2. Translation of ISPM to local language

1. Development of Standard Operating Procedures

FTAG Linkage and Contribution

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VII. FTAG linkage and contribution (2)

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	ACTIVITY	SUB-ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE ASEAN BODIES/ LEAD COUNTRY	TIMELINES	OUTPUT INDICATORS
2.3.2	Promote the adoption and implementation of international standards on surveillance.	2.3.2.1 Capacity building on pest surveillance, following the international standards.	ASWGC/EWG-PS	2016 - 2020	Number of training conducted.

2 Trainings on PRAs (Coaching and 1st Regional Training WS) included the topic on pest surveillance according to ISPM

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VII. FTAG linkage and contribution (3)

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2.3.3 Enhance National and ASEAN expertise in Pest Risk Analysis & Emergency Incursion Response and management. (Risk based Biosecurity)	2.3.3.1 Review & establish ASEAN prioritized list of quarantine pests with technical justifications (PRAs) i.e. review the A1 & A2 pest lists. 2.3.3.2 Establish framework on ASEAN cooperation in emergency response and management for prioritised quarantine pest	ASWGC/ EWG- PS	2016 - 2020	 Database on ASEAN Pest List A concept for ASEAN Cooperation on emergency response.

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