

Session 3.2: Recommendations to mainstream issues on Trade Facilitation

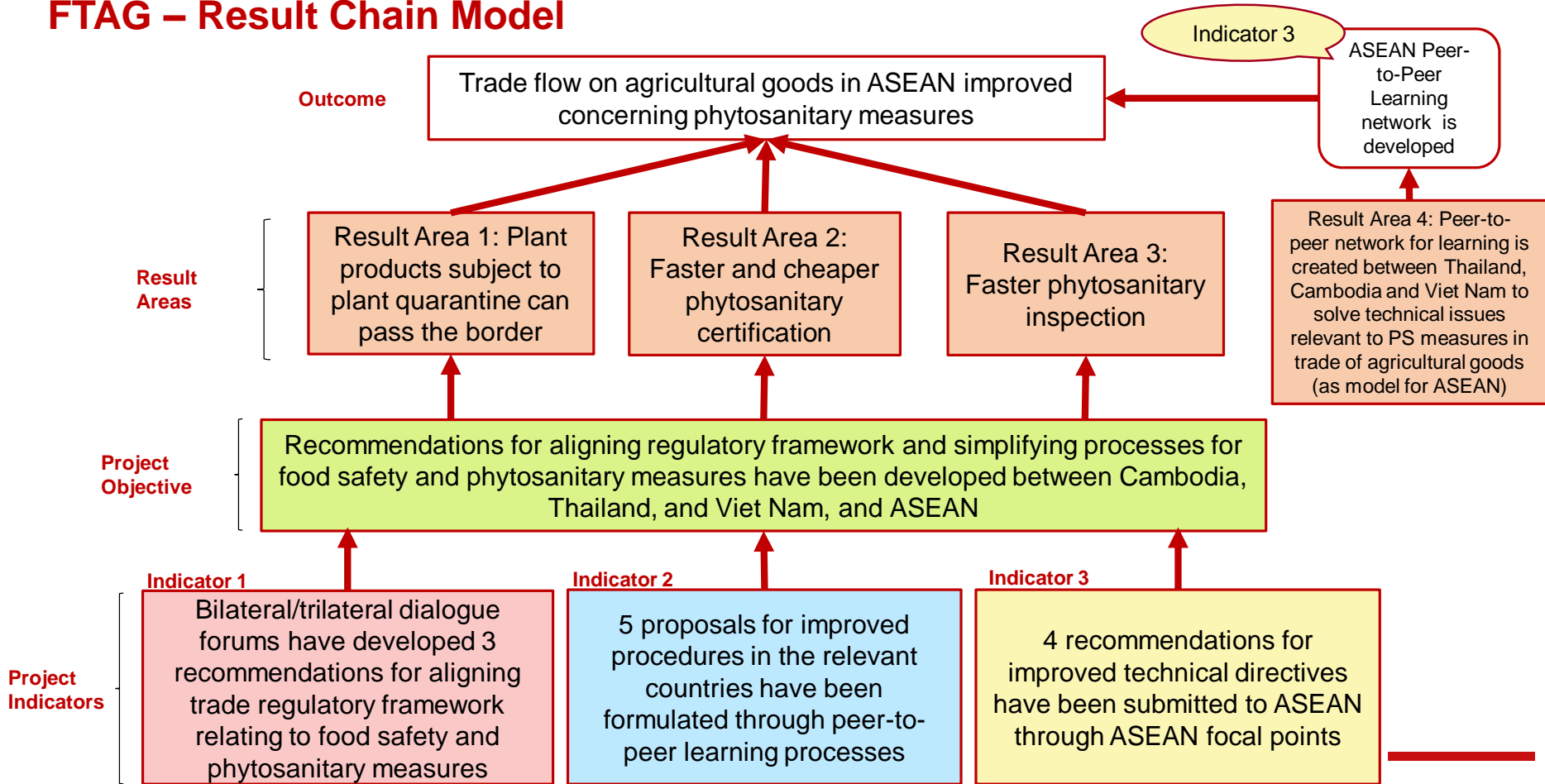
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Alignment

✓ 1: Regulated pest list associated with host commodity

Making available required information on regulated pest list associated with host commodity by the country as stipulated by ISPM No. 19 can lead to harmonization of phytosanitary measures on similar or shared phytosanitary concerns that should be regulated by a group of countries or a region.

✓ 2: Alignment of Sampling

Consider explore possibility to align sampling of importing consignment on common selected agricultural goods in trade between countries.(e.g. Cambodia mango export to Thailand and Viet Nam)

✓ 3: Reviewing MRLs value

Consider reviewing and further aligning of MRLs value on selected agricultural goods with ASEAN MRL to further facilitate mutual trade.

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Improved Procedures and Implementation

✓ 4: Putting ISPMs into practice

Develop Phytosanitary Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on phytosanitary inspection, sampling consignment and export phytosanitary certification to prescribe standard operating procedures for responsible officers **ensure effective and credible national operations** on phytosanitary measures.

✓ 5: Making information available on morphology of quarantine pest and disease

Developing **manual or information pool on morphology on quarantine pests and diseases** by country for plant quarantine officers at the entry point aid in identification of quarantine pests and diseases.

✓ 6: Access to information in facilitating trade

In case where online application system through National Single Window are not in place and running, applications forms for phytosanitary certification and other forms relevant to import and export of

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✓ 7: Bridging the gap through peer-to-peer learning (on PRA)

Practical **peer-to-peer learning** in conducting pest risk analysis provided mechanisms in **bridging the gap in application of pest risk analysis procedures** in line with ISPMs and contributed towards better understanding and improved application of the procedure at the national level. (e.g. TMA Proposal for export of longan)

✓ 8: Integration of phytosanitary and food safety in NSW

Consider **capacity development** to support **integrating and establishing phytosanitary and food safety requirements into the National Single Window** will contribute to the advancement in ASEAN Single Window in the future to facilitate trade of agricultural goods in ASEAN. (e.g. VN National training on PQ procedure integrated into the NSW)

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Improving PS Measures/Procedures and TF at ASEAN level

✓ 9. Translations of ISPM both in terms of language and into practice

ASEAN should have **initiatives to support translation** (language/context) of relevant **ISPMs and enhance capacity** of AMS e.g. in developing Phytosanitary Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) [faster development of SOP and socialize with other AMS => regionalization/harmonization of SOP]

✓ 10. Establishing mechanism for platform for exchange

AMS who trade each other heavily in agricultural goods should consider **establishing mechanism -bilateral meetings or platform** to exchange information and discuss to better facilitate trade.[in addition to trade negotiation]

✓ 11. Directives for developing manual or information pool on morphology of quarantine pest

ASEAN should have some **directives to guide AMS in developing manual or information pool on morphology of quarantine pests** or quick detection of symptoms caused by pest on fresh fruit & vegetables to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the PQ at entry points.

Recommendations for consideration and discussion

1. Recommendations to ASEAN to create data/information source on methodology for assessing pest risks
2. Recommendations to align the categorization of pest due to different definition in accordance with ISPM
3. Considering the elaboration of the common pest list among the three countries (Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam)
4. Cambodia to develop clear work instruction for inspection based on the ISPM
5. Exchange on Lessons learned on e-phyto integrated into ASEAN Single Window (for further elaboration)
6. Dissemination of SOP by Thailand by putting on website
7. Mechanism to protect countries against dangerous pests (directives)
8. Aligning of pest list/common pest list (directives) at the ASEAN level

Selected Recommendations for Group Work discussion

1. **Toward common measures to prevent shared quarantine pest, making control more efficient (possibility for no control)**
 - To have mechanism against alien invasive species, it is recommended to compare quarantine pest list of AMS and identify pest that is not present among AMS, so that preventive measures/mechanism can be decided. However, AMS need to update their current quarantine pest list (e.g. via pest surveillance) first.
 - AMS/selected countries can identify specific commodity for a shared quarantine pest list (by commodity)
[Possible Action]
3. Considering the elaboration of the common pest list among the three countries (Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam) (see point 1)
7. Mechanism to protect countries against dangerous pests (directives) (see point 1)
8. Aligning of pest list/common pest list (directives) at the ASEAN level (see point 1)
2. Recommendations for ASEAN to align the categorization of pest due to different definition in accordance with ISPM
5. **Exchange on Lessons learned on e-phyto integrated into ASEAN Single Window (for further elaboration)**
9. **Encourage AMS to develop SOP as a tool to facilitate trade (for elaboration)**
10. **Mechanism for regular exchange on PS (for elaboration)**

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