Viet Nam – MRAs and International Agreements

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STAMEQ AT A GLANCE

OVER

13,500
CURRENT STANDARDS
60% HARMONIZED WITH
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

As a member of

14
INTERNATIONAL AND
REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ISO, IEC, GS1, WTO/TBT, CGPM, OIML
ASEAN/ACCSQ, APEC/SCSC, ASEM, PASC
APO, APLMF, APMP, APQO

Having

23
AFFILIATE AGENCIES

In

3
REGIONS OF VIETNAM

COORDINATE WITH

14 Ministries
63 Provinces

30+ MOUs
WITH NSBs
STANDARD DEVELOPMENT
ORGANIZATIONS
OTHERS...

1700 personnel
Overview

- Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality (STAMEQ) is the governmental body under the Ministry of Science and Technology having the responsibility to advise the Government on issues in the fields of standardization, metrology, productivity and quality management in the country and representing Viet Nam in relevant international and regional organizations;

- Originated from the Institute for Metrology and Standards under the State Committee of Science in 1962;

- Number of staff: 1700
Legal basis:

- Law on Standards and Technical regulations and its sub-laws
- Law on Metrology and its sub-laws
- Law on Goods and Products Quality Management and its sub-laws
STAMEQ  WHAT WE DO

Policy advising

Technical regulations

Standard development

- Law on Standards and Technical regulations and its sub-laws
- Law on Metrology and its sub-laws
- Law on Goods and Products Quality Management and its sub-laws

Policy

Procedure
STAMEQ

Developing standards to respond to SDGs
The system of technical legal documents of Vietnam includes: standards (voluntary application) and technical regulations (mandatory application).
Standard System

National standards (TCVN)

Organization standards (TCCS)
Process of developing national standards and participation responsibilities

- **Planning**
  - Approval of planning
    - Line Ministries
  - Plan
    - Approval of plan
      - MOST
    - Drafting of national standards
      - Line Ministries; Technical Committee
  - Appraisal and Announcement
    - MOST
Compliance with Annex 3 of WTO/TBT Agreement

• In 2009, Vietnam committed to implementation.
• Regarding the implementation of main clauses in Annex 3:

D: No discrimination between domestic and foreign products.
F: (Priority) development of national standards in adoption of international standards.
G: Harmonizing standards as wide as possible by attending in the preparation of international standards of the international standardizing bodies
Mutual recognition agreements/arrangements (MRAs)

Circular 27/2007/TT-BKHCN on the guidance of signing and implementing MRAs on conformity assessment procedures
Procedures of signing MRAs

Signing

Proposal

Line ministries in cooperation with MOST; MFA

Preparation and sign

Line ministries
Procedures of signing MRAs

Implementation

The content and scope determination
- Line ministries

Designation of CAP bodies
- Line ministries

Plan for implementation
- Line ministries
Signed MRAs of Viet Nam

APEC

The APEC TEL MRA for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment
Signed MRAs of Viet Nam

ASEAN Sectoral MRA for Electrical and Electronic Equipment

ASEAN Sectoral MRA for GMP Inspection of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products

ASEAN Sectoral MRA for bio-equivalence study for pharmaceutical products.

ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Inspection and Certification Systems on Food Hygiene for Prepared Foodstuff Products

ASEAN Sectoral MRA on type approval for automotive products

ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements for Building and Construction Materials
Participation in international agreements/organizations

Law No 108/2016/QH13 on International commitments: negotiation of international commitments; Signing proposal; Signing international commitments, etc
Free Trade Agreements – Viet Nam

1. EVFTA - EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement
2. CPTPP - Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership
3. UKVFTA - UK-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement
4. RCEP - Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
5. WTO - WTO Agreement
6. VCFTA - Vietnam – Chile Free Trade Agreement
7. VKFTA - Vietnam – Korea Free Trade Agreement
8. VN – EAEU FTA - Vietnam – Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Agreement
9. VJEPA - Vietnam – Japan Economic Partnership Agreement
10. ATIGA - ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement
11. AIFTA - ASEAN – India Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation
12. AKFTA - ASEAN – Korea Free Trade Agreement
13. AHKFTA - ASEAN – Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement
14. AJCEP - ASEAN – Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership
15. ACFTA - ASEAN – China Free Trade Agreement
16. AANZFTA - The Agreement Establishing the ASEAN – Australia – New Zealand Free Trade Area
17. VIFTA - Vietnam – Israel Free Trade Agreement
International Cooperation

STAMEQ representing Viet Nam in 14 following organizations:
thank you