

Private Sector Engagement in Code Development: Highlights from the Viet Nam Workshop

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ReCAMA - Introduction

- The Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific (ReCAMA) was established by CSAM in 2014.
- 20 agricultural machinery manufacturer and distributor associations from 15 countries.
- ReCAMA aims to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific through strengthening the capacity of national agricultural machinery associations, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and information, and enhancing collaboration and closer business connections among national associations and their members.

ReCAMA Activities

- Annual member meetings
- Agricultural machinery exhibitions
- Business matching events
- Publication of research on national policies
 - Trade and Investment Policies on Mechanization of Agriculture - Case studies of selected countries: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Türkiye
 - ReCAMA Regional Sub-directory of Harvesting and Post-Harvesting Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers
 - Mechanization of Agriculture: Market Dynamics in Bangladesh, Nepal, Russian Federation and Viet Nam
- Annual Training and Study Tours

Agri Technica Asia 2025

- **Dates:** March 12–14, 2025
- **Location:** Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- **Focus:** A regional trade fair for agricultural technology in Asia, showcasing machinery, precision agriculture, and other solutions
- **Activities:** Networking, knowledge sharing, and discussions on sustainable farming and technological advancements in agriculture



Gathering Feedbacks for ANTAM Codes and Mutual Recognition System

(ReCAMA) which focuses on promoting trade of sustainable agricultural mechanization across the Asia-Pacific region. Participants were actively engaged as the objective of the event was gathering feedback from agricultural machinery manufacturers, traders, and associations on the ANTAM Codes and procedures, and how these can support them more effectively.



The Program

The event featured presentations on the ANTAM Codes and ANTAM Quality Manual, which guides the management of testing stations and operational processes, including for the request of tests by manufacturers and official distributors. It also showcased the potential of the ANTAM network to enhance the trade of sustainable small agricultural machinery.



Key Outcomes

- Participants gained updated technical insights into ANTAM test codes, test procedures and ANTAM accreditation procedures.
- The workshop inside the exhibition center provided direct access to innovations shown at the trade exhibition, deepening participants' understanding of current industry trends and technological advancements.
- Interactive discussions strengthened participants' competencies in machinery testing, standardization procedures, and regulatory frameworks.

Discussions

- **Lack of Awareness:** Manufacturers, dealers, and importers expressed limited awareness of ANTAM codes and procedures. They requested additional support from ANTAM to promote its initiatives and raise awareness within the private sector.
- **Applicability of ANTAM Codes:** The participants questioned the applicability of certain ANTAM codes outside their intended scope. Specific concerns included:
 - The use of Code 001 for testing 20hp power tillers.
 - The application of Code 003 for testing manual transplanters.
 - The use of Code 002 for testing manually operated sprayers.

Discussions

- **Interest in Participation:** The private sector expressed interest in participating as observers in Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings and the ANTAM annual meeting. They emphasized their desire to share knowledge and collaborate as supportive partners for ANTAM.
- **Clarification on Lab Accreditation and Harmonization:** Manufacturers sought further clarification on the ANTAM laboratory accreditation system. They stressed the importance of harmonized test reports across the region to avoid redundant testing, which is both costly and time-consuming.



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