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## NZ-China EEEMRA

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## The EEEMRA

- This agreement is an annex to the FTA between New Zealand and The Peoples Republic of China.
- It deals with the testing and certification of electrical and electronic componentry across the two economies



## TBT in the NZ-China FTA

- The TBT Chapter covers product standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures which affect trade in goods
- It builds on the obligations in the WTO TBT Agreement by providing a framework to encourage cooperation between regulators and mechanisms to address TBTs when they arise
- Establishes a TBT Committee that meets once a year
- EEE MRA sits within the framework established by the TBT chapter – and builds on it



## Scope of application

Initially scoped for those products that were relatively intensely regulatorily controlled by both parties.

However the scope is being expanded as experience with the agreement increases



## Operation

- Exporting party conformity assessment bodies test and certify products in accordance with importing party requirements:
  - Chinese exporters – Chinese Compulsory Certification (CCC) with translated deviations to meet NZ requirements
  - NZ exporters – IEC standards with translated deviations to meet Chinese law
- Regulators cooperate on enforcement



## Benefits to Both Economies

Like many economies, China is the largest supplier of EEE to the NZ market. By contrast, NZ suppliers to China are very small by international standards.

However, for both partners, the EEEMRA helps to:

- Ensure safety of imported products
- Ease access to markets.
- Improve the international image of domestically produced products
- Provide a basis for the exploration of further cooperation



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- First and only instance where the complete procedure of the Chinese Regulator can be done outside China, and by foreign conformity assessment bodies.
- Unusual degree of integration for NZ