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Overview of Agreement

- Entered into force on 1 January 2010
- ASEAN's "highest quality" plus one FTA
- Comprehensive tariff eliminations
- "Cumulation" in Rules of Origin
- Ongoing work programmes on Services, Investment and Non-Tariff Measures
- Economic Cooperation
- WTO-plus outcomes in TBT and SPS



Beyond Tariffs: The SPS Agenda

- Facilitate trade between the Parties
- Article 4 requires the Parties to apply the principles of the SPS Agreement
- Mechanism for bilateral SPS agreements
- New Zealand has bilateral food safety agreements with Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam
- Closely aligned with ASEAN's own integration objectives



Strategic Implementation

- Strategic plan under development
- AANZFTA Parties collaborate in other international fora
- Often interests overlap
- NZ and Indonesia (and France) co-chairs on Codex review of follow-up formula standard
- APEC ?



SPS and Economic Cooperation

- AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Programme supports implementation of SPS Chapter
- Current Projects
 - ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network
 - Import Health Standards
 - Dairy Regulatory Cooperation



TBT: The Framework

- Standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures
- Different options for different circumstances
- Institutional Relationships
- Exchange of Information
- “Positive consideration” to accepting other Parties’ technical regulations



TBT: Implementation Experience

- Diversity of regulatory regimes makes implementation challenging
- Cooperation with APEC and ISO
- Work programme under development
- Illustrates the importance of having an institutionalised meeting structure



What next for TBT implementation?

- How does AANZFTA TBT fit into existing ASEAN-led work?
- Working with “ACCSQ”
- Dealing with cross-cutting issues – Review of Non-Tariff Measures
- 2017 AANZFTA General Review



Any questions?
