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Economic Cooperation Chapter in the AANZFTA Agreement

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1. BRIEF BACKGROUND ABOUT AANZFTA



The Agreement establishing the ASEAN – Australia – New Zealand Free Trade Area was signed on 27 February 2009 and came into force on 01 January 2010.



AANZFTA Parties: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Phillipines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam



**Through the
AANZFTA:**

tariffs will be progressively reduced and eliminated for at least 90% of all tariff lines within specified timelines;

modern and flexible ROO, simplified customs procedures, and more transparent mechanisms;

barriers to trade in services will be progressively liberalised;

movement of business persons will be facilitated;

covered investments will be accorded a range of protection.



2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN AANZFTA

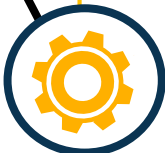
The AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Support Programme (AECSP)



Economic Cooperation Work Programme (ECWP)

08 components:

ROO; Customs Procedures;
SPS; STRACAP; Services;
Investment; IP; Competition.



AANZFTA Support Unit

Assists Parties in monitoring and tracking the implementation of the AECSP.

- ◆ the **operationalization** of AANZFTA so that implementation difficulties are kept to a minimum;
- ◆ AANZFTA's **built-in agenda**, including preparatory work and any necessary capacity development activities;
- ◆ **economic integration** among and strengthening the links between the Parties
- ◆ **business utilization** of AANZFTA opportunities.

EXAMPLE IN SECTOR OF GOODS/RULES OF ORIGIN



Objective

To facilitate effective utilization of AANZFTA commitments through efficient and transparent administration of ROO requirements and other aspects of implementation of tariff commitments

Projects

- Capacity Building for ASEAN Member States on Full Cumulation under AANZFTA [2018-2019]
- Transposition of AANZFTA Tariff Reduction Schedules (TRS) and Product Specific Rules (PSR) [2016-2019, 2020-]

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Outcomes

- Enabled all AANZFTA Parties to successfully transpose their Tariff Reduction Schedules and Product Specific Rules into HS 2017
- Enabled support from 6 AMS for a full cumulation pilot programme



3. LESSONS LEARNED WHEN DESIGN AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM

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- ◆ Consistency with the Agreement
 - ◆ Partnership and active engagement of all parties based on open communication, mutual respect and trust;
 - ◆ Continuous improvements through learning lessons and introducing best practice;
 - ◆ Flexibility to respond to changing demand and priorities;
 - ◆ The level of development of parties
 - ◆ Efficiency and effectiveness;
 - ◆ Sustainability.



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