

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation on Electrical and Electronic Mutual Recognition Arrangement

APEC EE MRA

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OVERVIEW

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- **Brunei Darussalam's participation in APEC EE MRA**
- **Challenges and Impediments**
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The Role of Designating Authority

100% EE Products imported.

Product Registration Requirements:-

- Standards – alignment or harmonise to International Standards such as IEC Standards, etc.
- Conformity Assessment activities compulsory – Test Report and Certification from Approved CABs

Obligations:-

- Review Regulatory Requirements and Administrative provisions to suit the ASEAN Harmonised EEE Regulatory Regime by 2011
- WTO-TBT Agreement.

Brunei Darussalam's participation in APEC EE MRA

Part 1 - Information Exchange

Part II – Mutual Recognition of Test Reports

Part III – Mutual Recognition of Certification

Benefits among others :-

- **To understand the Regulatory Requirements.**
- **Valid Test Report and Certification**
- **Testing and Certification by Designated CABs**
- **The functions of the Designating Authority**

Challenges and Impediments

Harmonise Regulatory Requirements within APEC Member Economies?

Product Registration with the Designating Authority?

Different Type of Conformity Assessment Regime based on Risk Assessment in APEC Member Economies.

Notification of Non-Compliance EE Products

Effective Post Market Surveillance System

“Obligations : adhere to APEC EE MRA and the WTO-TBT on free movements of goods and services ”.

Way Forward

- **Harmonize Regulatory Requirements.**
- **Alignment / Harmonization to International Standards such as IEC etc.**
- **Designating Authority to Register EEE Products (Manufactured locally) once the issuance of CoC by Designated Certification Bodies.**
- **NAB's participation in APLAC MRA or PAC MRA**
- **Testing Facilities – a member of IEC EE CB Scheme or accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 : 2005.**

Way Forward

- **Certification Bodies – a member of IEC EE FCS or accredited to ISO/IEC Guide 65.**
- **Taskforce Committee / Working Group to identify gaps and bridging Developing and Developed APEC Member Economies toward pursuing the APEC EE MRA.**