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UPDATES FROM THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

ACCSQ	29th Meeting, 20-22 March 2007, Yangon, Myanmar 30^h Meeting, 6-8 August 2007, Manila, Philippines
SEOM	1/38 – January 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2/38 – March 2007, Manila, Philippines 3/38 – May 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand 4/38 – July 2007, Da Nang, Viet Nam
AEM	13th Retreat - May 2007, Brunei Darussalam 39th AEM – 24-25 August 2007, Philippines

ASEAN CHARTER

The ASEAN Charter was signed on 20 November 2007 by the ASEAN Leaders at the 13th ASEAN Summit.

The Charter is a landmark constitutional document embodying fundamental principles, goals, objectives and structures of ASEAN cooperation.

It will serve as a legal and institutional framework of ASEAN to support the realization of its goals and objectives.

The economic pillar of the Charter refers to work beyond the AEC 2015 Blueprint – A reference book on work beyond 2015 will be considered.



ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

38th AEM Meeting, 22-23 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur

decided to accelerate the AEC from 2020 to 2015

agreed to recommend to the ASEAN Leaders

shorten the timeframe for regional economic integration

**Cebu Declaration on the Acceleration of the
Establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015
at the 12th ASEAN Summit, 9-15 January, Cebu**



ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

To achieve the acceleration of the AEC by 2015,
the 38th AEM stressed

....the need to determine the characteristic of AEC to move forward
in a cohesive manner

....that the AEC is an interim stage towards an eventual ASEAN
single market

....the urgent need to strengthen the weaknesses in ASEAN's
institutional mechanism

....the need to facilitate monitoring of regional integration and
cross-sectoral coordination



ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

....with flexibility on timeframes for new Member Countries

.... a single and coherent blueprint, where necessary initiatives/measures in all critical areas is being developed

=> AEC Blueprint

.... a work programme for trade facilitation covering standards and conformance is being developed

=>ATFWP



AEC BLUEPRINT

....to facilitate the acceleration of the AEC

Includes....

....the proposal for the AEC Structure

....the strategic schedule for AEC

....the reporting mechanism in realizing AEC

....the AEC scorecard to track the implementation of initiatives



AEC BLUEPRINT

ASEAN Economic Community that is

....a single market and production base

....a region of equitable economic development

....fully integrated region into the global economy

....a highly competitive economic region



AEC BLUEPRINT

The Leader's Declaration on the AEC Blueprint was signed on 20 November 2007 by the ASEAN Leaders at the 13th ASEAN Summit.

The AEC Blueprint and its Strategic Schedule is attached to the Leader's Declaration.

The Member Countries will have a binding commitment to implement the measures and actions in the AEC Blueprint by 2015.



ASEAN TRADE FACILITATION WORK PROGRAMME

The ASEAN Trade Facilitation Work Programme was developed under the cooperation between UNESCAP and the ASEAN Secretariat as agreed at the 38th AEM.....

.....to give more emphasis on trade facilitation

.....as a strategy that will enable ASEAN to reduce trade transaction costs and enhance its competitiveness

The ATFWP will be finalised at the 22nd AFTA Council in 2008.



PRIORITY INTEGRATION SECTORS

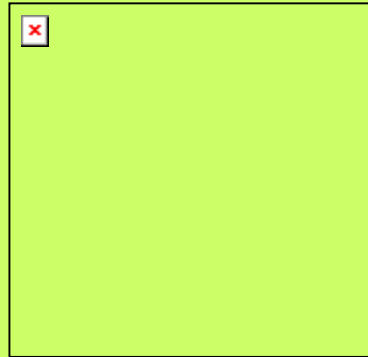
The ASEAN Framework Agreement (Amended) for the Integration of Priority Sectors and the 2nd Phase of Roadmaps for Priority Integration Sectors have been signed by the AEM on 8 Dec 2006.

The ASEAN Secretariat will produce a report on the implementation of priority integration sectors initiatives before the 39th AEM as a move to identify and understand the implementation gaps.

An outreach event, “ASEAN Talks Business”, was held to brief the private sector on ASEAN economic integration and the AEC, and at the same time to serve as a venue for consultations and feedback from the private sector.



ASEAN CONFORMITY MARK



A regional third- party mark of conformity to indicate that a product is in conformity with the particular ASEAN Harmonized Technical Regulations/ Requirements specified under the relevant ASEAN Agreements.

ASEAN Agreement on the Application of ASEAN Conformity Mark will be signed once consensus is reached on the acceptance of the ASEAN Conformity Mark by Member Countries and the various sectors.

ROADMAP FOR THE INTEGRATION OF COSMETICS PRODUCTS

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| 58 | Accelerate implementation of the ASEAN Harmonised Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme (AHCRS), and automatic listing for cosmetics products | 1 January 2008 |
| 59 | Formalise a post-marketing alert system for defective or unsafe cosmetic products | 31 December 2005 |