

APPENDIX I

ROADMAP FOR INTEGRATION OF RUBBER-BASED PRODUCTS SECTOR

I. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this initiative are to:

- Strengthen regional integration on through liberalisation and facilitation measures in the area of trade in goods, services and investments; and
- Promote private sector participation.

II. MEASURES

In bringing greater regional integration, the proposed measures include specific measures that are of direct relevance to the rubber-based products sector, as well as common measures that cut across all priority integration sectors. The integration approaches are premised on:

- Combining the economic strengths of ASEAN member countries for regional advantage;
- Facilitate and promote intra-ASEAN trade and investments;
- Improve the condition to attract and retain manufacturing and other economic activities within the region;
- Promote outsourcing programme within ASEAN; and
- Promote the development of “Made in ASEAN” products and services.

III. COVERAGE

The rubber-based products include; tyres, flaps and inner tubes; rubber gloves; and articles of rubber. Details of product coverage appear as **Attachment 1**.

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
COMMON ISSUES			
I	Tariff Elimination		
1	Eliminate CEPT-AFTA tariffs on all identified products	Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	ASEAN 6: 1 January 2007 CLMV: 1 January 2012
II	Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)¹		
2	Establish the Database of ASEAN NTMs to ensure transparency	CCCA	Completed on 30 June 2004
3	Regularly update the Database of ASEAN NTMs to ensure transparency		Starting 1 January 2007
4	Establish clear criteria to identify measures that are classified as barriers to trade		Completed on 27 September 2005 (19th AFTA Council)
5	Establish a clear and definitive work programme for the assessment of existing NTMs and identification of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)		Completed on 21 August 2006 (20 th AFTA Council)
6	Eliminate NTBs on all identified products		<p data-bbox="1154 1220 1414 1444">First Package: 1 January 2008 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2010 for the Philippines; and 1 January 2013 for CLMV</p> <p data-bbox="1154 1486 1414 1711">Second Package: 1 January 2009 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2011 for the Philippines; and 1 January 2014 for CLMV</p>

¹ Measures on NTMs apply to all products in accordance to the decisions of 20th AFTA Council, 21 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Priority Integration Sectors (PIS) measures on NTMs and NTBs shall be implemented in conformance with said AFTA Council decisions.

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			Third Package: 1 January 2010 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2012 for the Philippines; and 1 January 2015 with flexibility up to 2018 for CLMV
7	Conduct regular review and assessment of NTMs based on the criteria set by the AFTA Council		Starting 1 January 2008
III	Rules of Origin		
8	Improve the CEPT Rules of Origin by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making it more transparent, predictable, standardised and trade-facilitating, taking into account the need to encourage regional sourcing and the best practices of other Regional Trade Agreements including the rules of origin of the WTO; and - adopting substantial transformation as alternative criteria for conferring origin status 	Task Force on CEPT Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	31 December 2006
9	Identify and implement measures to promote the utilisation of Form D	CCCA and Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC) ²	Ongoing
IV	Customs Procedures		
10	Extend the application of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) for extra-ASEAN trade	CCC/Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group	31 December 2007
11	Develop a simplified, improved and harmonised customs declaration form		Completed on 8 June 2005
12	Ensure full implementation of the Green Lane System for CEPT Products, or similar systems, at entry		Completed

² The Expert Committee on Customs Matters (ECCM) was restructured and renamed as CCC

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	points of all Member States		
13	Develop implementation guidelines, as appropriate, for Member States which are not members of the WTO to fulfil the obligations of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation		Completed
14	Adopt service commitment (client charter) by ASEAN customs authorities		Completed
15	Develop the Single Window approach, including the electronic processing of trade documents at national and regional levels	Inter-Agency Task Force on Single Window	Completed on 9 December 2005
16	Implementation of the ASEAN Single Window	ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee	1 January 2008 for ASEAN-6 1 January 2012 for CLMV
V	Standards and Conformance		
17	Accelerate the development and implementation of sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs), as appropriate	ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)	beginning 1 January 2005
18	Encourage domestic regulators to recognise test reports issued by testing laboratories which are already accredited by National Accreditation Bodies in ASEAN that are signatories to ILAC and APLAC MRA for products not covered under the sectoral MRAs		Ongoing
19	Set clear targets and schedules for harmonisation of standards, wherever required; where international standards are not available, and when requested by industry, align national standards among Member States		Completed
20	Harmonise already identified standards among Member Countries		31 December 2007
21	Identify and harmonise additional standards, wherever required; where international standards are not available, and when requested by industry, align national standards among Member States		31 December 2010

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22	Harmonise and/or develop, wherever appropriate, technical regulations for national application		31 December 2010
23	Ensure compliance with the requirements, rights and obligations of WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade		Ongoing
24	Develop ASEAN policy on standards and conformance to further facilitate the realisation of the ASEAN Economic Community		Completed on 28 September 2005 (37 th AEM)
VI	Logistics Services³		
25	<p>Expedite the development of integrated transport logistics services within ASEAN through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of efficient door-to-door cargo transport and cross-border transport facilitation through the expeditious implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport; - Improvement of land transport network infrastructures and services to achieve better inter-connectivity, inter-operability and inter-modality with the national, regional and international maritime and air transport gateways; - Strengthening intra-ASEAN maritime and shipping transport services; and - Establishment of enabling and conducive policy environment for increased private sector involvement and/or public-private partnerships in the development of transport infrastructure and the provision and 	Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Beginning 2005

³ A comprehensive roadmap on logistics services as a separate Priority Integration Sector is currently being developed and shall be completed by June 2007

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	operation of transport logistics facilities and services		
VII	Outsourcing and Industrial Complementation		
26	Identify and develop areas of specialisation on production processes, research and development (R&D), and testing facilities based on comparative advantages of individual Member States	Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC), with inputs from the private sector	Ongoing
27	Develop guidelines to promote outsourcing arrangements among Member States, as applicable		31 December 2008
VIII	ASEAN Integration System of Preferences		
28	Endeavour to simplify the procedures and expand the coverage of the ASEAN Integration System of Preferences (AISP) Scheme by including products in the priority integration sectors	CCCA	Between 1 January 2007 and 1 January 2009
IX	Investments		
29	Accelerate the opening up of sectors currently in the Sensitive List (SL) by transferring these sectors into the Temporary Exclusion List (TEL) under the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area, using the ASEAN-X formula	Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Ongoing
30	Reduce restrictive investment measures in the SL		Ongoing
31	Complete the progressive elimination of restrictive investment measures in the TEL		2010 for ASEAN-6, 2013 for Viet Nam and 2015 for Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar
32	Identify and implement programmes and activities to promote investments in ASEAN		Ongoing
33	Promote manufacturing processes across different ASEAN countries to		

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	<p>take advantage of their comparative strengths through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the establishment of a network of ASEAN free trade zones to facilitate outsourcing activities - undertaking more efficient joint ASEAN facilitation and promotion measures to promote FDI 	<p>CCC; CCI; WGIC</p> <p>CCI</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
34	<p>Promote and facilitate joint/cross border investments in manufacturing activities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - special incentives, where appropriate, to be given by CLMV for investments from ASEAN - special measures, where appropriate to be given by ASEAN 6 to promote and facilitate relocation of investment to CLMV countries especially for labour intensive manufacturing activities 	CCI	Ongoing
X	Trade and Investment Promotion		
35	Intensify intra- and extra ASEAN joint promotion efforts regularly	CCI; ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASEAN-CCI); and relevant Industry Clubs/Associations	Ongoing
36	<p>Organise regular private sector initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertake more efficient joint ASEAN facilitation and promotion measures to promote FDI into ASEAN - undertake joint trade and investment missions; and - assist CLMV in organising promotional activities 	CCI; ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC); and ASEAN-CCI	Ongoing

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37	Undertake more effective joint ASEAN facilitation in promotion measures and develop new sources of inward foreign direct investments, particularly from potential countries such as the People's Republic of China, India and the Republic of Korea		Ongoing
XI	Intra-ASEAN Trade and Investment Statistics		
38	<p>Develop an effective system to monitor intra-ASEAN trade and investment through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish an efficient trade and investment database - provision of updates to the ASEAN Secretariat of the latest trade (goods and services) and investment statistics - preparation of consolidated industry profile, by the respective associations, which among other matters, cover information such as production capacity and product range 	ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM); Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics and CCCA	<p>31 December 2009</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
XII	Intellectual Property Rights		
39	Expand the scope of ASEAN intellectual property rights cooperation beyond trademarks and patents by including cooperation in copyrights information exchange and enforcement	ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC)	Ongoing
XIII	Movement of Business Persons, Experts, Skilled Labour, Talents and Professionals		
40	Develop an ASEAN Agreement to facilitate the movement of business persons, including the adoption of an ASEAN Business Travel Card, taking into account Member States' domestic laws and regulations	Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Division of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM)	Ongoing

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41	Identify and develop other mechanisms that will complement existing ASEAN initiatives to further facilitate the movement of experts, professionals, skilled labour and talents	Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	31 December 2007
42	Accelerate completion of MRAs to facilitate free movement of experts, professionals, skilled labour and talents in ASEAN, taking into account Member States' domestic laws and regulations		31 December 2008
XIV	Facilitation of Travel in ASEAN		
43	Harmonise procedures for the issuance of visas to international travellers	DGICM	Ongoing
44	Provide visa exemption for intra-ASEAN travel by ASEAN nationals		Ongoing
XV	Human Resource Development		
45	Develop and upgrade skills and capacity building through joint trainings and workshops	Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM) ASEAN Senior Officials for Education (ASOED) Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) Initiatives for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Ongoing
SPECIFIC ISSUES			
XVI	Testing facilities for Rubber products in ASEAN		
46	Encourage rubber manufacturers to make use of available accredited testing facilities within ASEAN which are recognised and accepted by ASEAN domestic regulators	ACCSQ RBPWG	Beginning 2005

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XVII	Harmonisation of Standards and Technical Regulations		
47	Accelerate the harmonisation of Member Countries' standards for rubber products through adoption of one common set of standards for all ASEAN Member Countries based on international standards, wherever applicable. Where international standards are not available, and when requested by industry, develop a common standard among the ASEAN Member Countries.	ACCSQ RBPWG	Ongoing
48	Accelerate the harmonisation of technical regulations imposed by Member Countries in relation to safety, health and environment	ACCSQ RBPWG	Ongoing
49	ASEAN to have common position on new standards for rubber products at international fora.	ACCSQ RBPWG	Ongoing
XVIII	Promote the Usage of Natural Rubber Products		
50	Undertake joint market promotional efforts in the international markets and to counter adverse publicity against natural rubber products through publicising the positive attributes, based on scientific findings. - Rubber gloves - Other rubber products	ASEAN Rubber Glove Manufacturers Association (ARGMA) ASEAN Rubber Business Council	Ongoing Ongoing
51	To promote and encourage the usage of rubber products made in ASEAN within member countries.	ASEAN Rubber Business Council	Beginning 2005 and ongoing
XIX	Research and Development		
52	To promote joint research and development of rubber-based products	Relevant sub-committees under ASEAN Committee	Beginning 2005 and ongoing

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
		on Science and Technology (COST)	
XX	Development of Rubber Plantations in CLMV countries		
53	ASEAN 6 to enhance cooperation with CLMV countries in the development of rubber plantations and processing of rubber.	SOM-AMAF Joint Committee on ASEAN Cooperation and Joint Approaches in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme;	Ongoing

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