



**ASEAN - Australia - New Zealand FTA**

# CER-ASEAN Integration Partnership Forum

*Economic integration and the standards and  
conformance infrastructure: challenges and  
opportunities*



JAS-ANZ



# Integrated Partnership Forum

15 March 2016

Melbourne Convention and  
Exhibition Centre

# Agenda

1. How JAS-ANZ was established
2. Role and objectives
3. How it works in practice
4. How industry is involved
5. How Australia-New Zealand cooperation has worked



# 1. Establishment

1. 1991 Treaty between Australia and New Zealand
  - Structure
  - Goals
  - Scope of activity
  - Relations to Government
  - Accountability framework
  - Management framework
2. International organisation (Privileges and Immunities)
3. Regulations (confers legal persona)

## 2. JAS-ANZ's Role and Objectives

Goal	Statement
Integrity and Confidence	Maintain a joint accreditation system that gives users confidence that goods and services certified or inspected by accredited bodies meet established standards.
Trade Support	Obtain and maintain acceptance by Australia and New Zealand's trading partners for domestic management systems and exported goods and services
Linkages	Create links to relevant bodies that establish or recognise standards for goods and services or that provide conformity assessment.
International Acceptance	Obtain mutual recognition and acceptance of conformity assessment with relevant bodies in other countries.

# 3. How it works in Practice

## Certification and Inspection

- 138 Schemes
  - Public and Private
  - Asset Management to Watermark
  - Management systems, Product, Personnel, Inspection
- 133 Conformity Assessment Bodies
  - 130,000 active certificates
  - 70 in Australia or New Zealand
  - 107 Countries

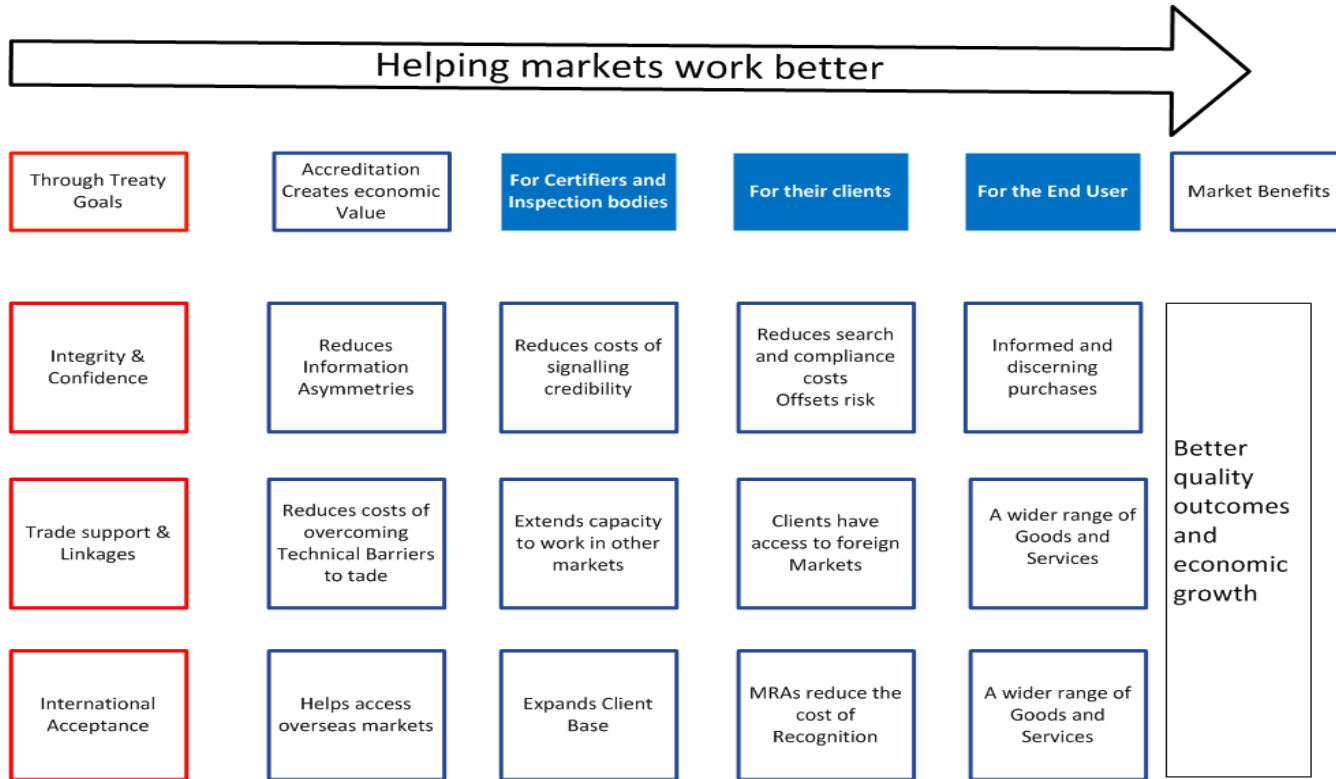
Develop  
Criteria

Undertake  
assessment

Manage  
schemes

Undertake  
peer review

# How it works in Practice



# How Industry is involved

- Internal processes
  - Scheme development
  - Complaints
  - Assessment activities
- Direct links to certified organisations
  - Research and survey
  - Information services



# How Australia-New Zealand cooperation has worked

## Some Insights:

- On the whole, the experience is positive
  - Electrical goods
- Importance of symmetry
  - CodeMark
- Acceptance of legitimate differences
  - Forestry & building products
- Need for continuous effort
  - MLAs and MRAs are not FTAs!