

Introduction to ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ATRC MRA)

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Background of ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC)

Establishment of ATRC



PEACE
STABILITY
COURAGE
DYNAMISM
PURITY
PROSPERITY

- 1995 – ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRRC) was formed.
- 2001 – instructed by 1st TELMIN to act as advisor to ASEAN

The ATRC Family today ...



Objectives of ATRC

- To provide the telecommunications regulators and authorities within the region the opportunities to work together in the spirit of cooperation and action
- To effectively facilitate the development of the telecommunications industry, serve consumers and accelerate the growth and development of the industry

Functions of ATRC

- To discuss and coordinate policy, strategic and regulatory issues in telecommunications that are of mutual interest to the telecommunications administrations of the ASEAN nations
- To identify and promote areas of potential cooperation in telecommunications amongst ASEAN nations and facilitate the exchange of information in these areas through activities such as seminars, training and workshops

Key Activities of ATRC

- Harmonization of:
 - frequency spectrum allocation
 - technical compliance processes
 - standards for telecommunications equipment
 - broadband multimedia networks standards
- Development of human resource expertise to support the growing needs of the region telecommunication sector.

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Establishment of ATRC MRA

- 1998 – ATRC establish similar MRA framework to the APEC TEL MRA
- 2000 – ATRC Sectoral MRA adopted
- 2001 – 1st ASEAN TELMIN endorsed the ATRC MRA
- Sep 2001 – 7th ATRC meeting called for implementation of the MRA
- 2002 – established ATRC MRA Joint Sectoral Committee (ATRC MRA JSC)

Functions of ATRC MRA JSC

- Responsible for the effective functioning of the ATRC MRA
- May consider any matter and take appropriate actions relating to the effective functioning of the ATRC MRA

Functions of ATRC MRA JSC

- In particular it will be responsible for:
 - Listing, suspension, withdrawal, removal, reinstating and verification of Conformity Assessment Bodies in accordance with this MRA;
 - Providing a forum for discussion of issues that may arise concerning the implementation of the MRA; and
 - Considering ways to enhance the operation of the MRA.

Accomplishment of ATRC MRA JSC

- Four JSC meetings were held to date with the following accomplished:
 - Developed TOR and established administrative arrangement
 - Developed ASEAN regulatory regime table to gauge readiness
 - Developed the Implementation Guidelines
 - Established ATRC Website

Accomplishment of ATRC MRA JSC

- 2004/2005 – Three arrangements entered into to date involving Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore

Scope of the ATRC MRA

- Scope of Conformity Assessment Procedures
 - Phase 1 – mutual recognition of test reports
 - Phase 2 – mutual recognition of equipment certification

Scope of the ATRC MRA

➤ Scope of Equipment

- wire and wireless equipment
- terrestrial and satellite equipment

Including EMC and electrical Safety

Benefits ATRC MRA

The MRA is a very real and tangible effort by ASEAN partners to facilitate business and to make business cost lower for companies, this is possible by:

- eliminate the cost of re-testing and certification
- shorten time-to-market for each country's manufacturers and exporters of telecom equipment
- enhance their competitiveness vis-à-vis suppliers from other countries, thereby improving their access to each other's market
- Consumers will also enjoy greater savings from lower transaction costs and faster delivery time

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The ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) was formed in July 1995 by the ASEAN telecommunications regulators at their inaugural meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was formed after the disbandment of the ASEAN POSTEL (Committee for Post and Telecommunications), which was a committee under the ASEAN Economic mechanism.

At the point that it was established, the ATRC had no formal link with the ASEAN Secretariat until 2001 when the ASEAN Telecommunications Ministers Meeting (TELLMIN), at its first meeting in Kuala Lumpur, agreed that henceforth, the ATRC shall act as advisor to TELMIN.

The ATRC Chair rotates annually among all members and the usual practice is for the in-coming chair to host the annual meeting which is attended by the Chairmen, Chief Executives and Directors-General of the ASEAN

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Technical Regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IDA Act 2. Telecommunications Act 3. Telecommunications Regulation 4. IDA Guidelines 5. IDA Technical Specifications 6. Scheme for Designation of CABs
Scope of Equipment Covered by the Technical Regulations	<p>29 items categorized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 items for Line Terminal Equipment - 18 items for Radio Equipment
Regulatory Authority	Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)
Accreditation Body	Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC)
Designating Body	Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)
Conformity Assessment Bodies	PSB Corp
Website Address for Access to Legislation and other Legal Instruments	www.ida.gov.sg
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Malaysia



Technical Regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission Act 1998 (MCMCA) 2. Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA) 3. Communications and Multimedia (Technical Standards) Regulations 2000
Scope of Equipment Covered by the Technical Regulations	<p>27 items categorized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 items for Telephony Equipment - 15 items for Radio Equipment?
Regulatory Authority	Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
Accreditation Body	Department of Standards, Malaysia, (DSM)
Designating Body	Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
Conformity Assessment Bodies	SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd
Website Address for Access to Legislation and other Legal Instruments	www.mcmc.gov.my
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Brunei Darussalam	Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AiTi)
Vietnam	Ministry of Post and Telematics (MPT)
Cambodia	Telecom Policy Regulations and Frequency Department, MPTC
Indonesia	Directorate General of Post and Telecommunication (DGPT)
Lao PDR	tbc
Malaysia	Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
Myanmar	Post and Telecommunication Department (PTD)
Philippines	National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
Singapore	Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA)
Thailand	National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)

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