

Policy Issues in Harmonisation and MRA

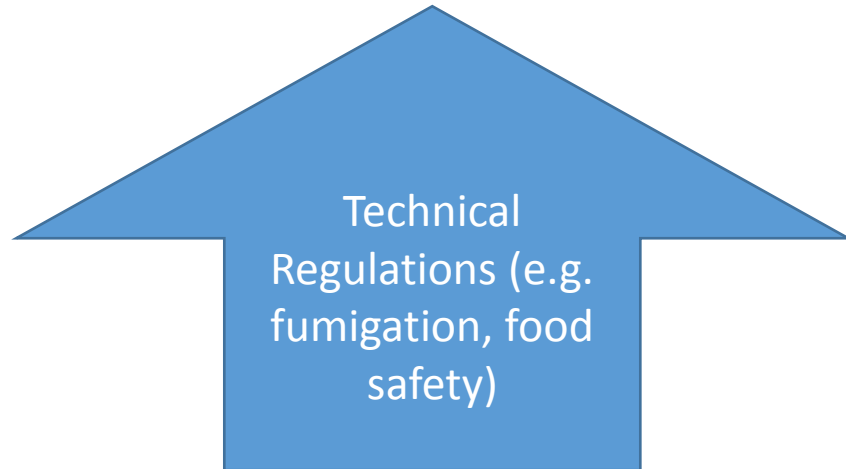
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Cross-Border NTM: Pre-entry and Post-entry

International Border Inspection
Prior entering the market e.g. at port

Post International Border Inspection – having entered the
market, upon customs clearance

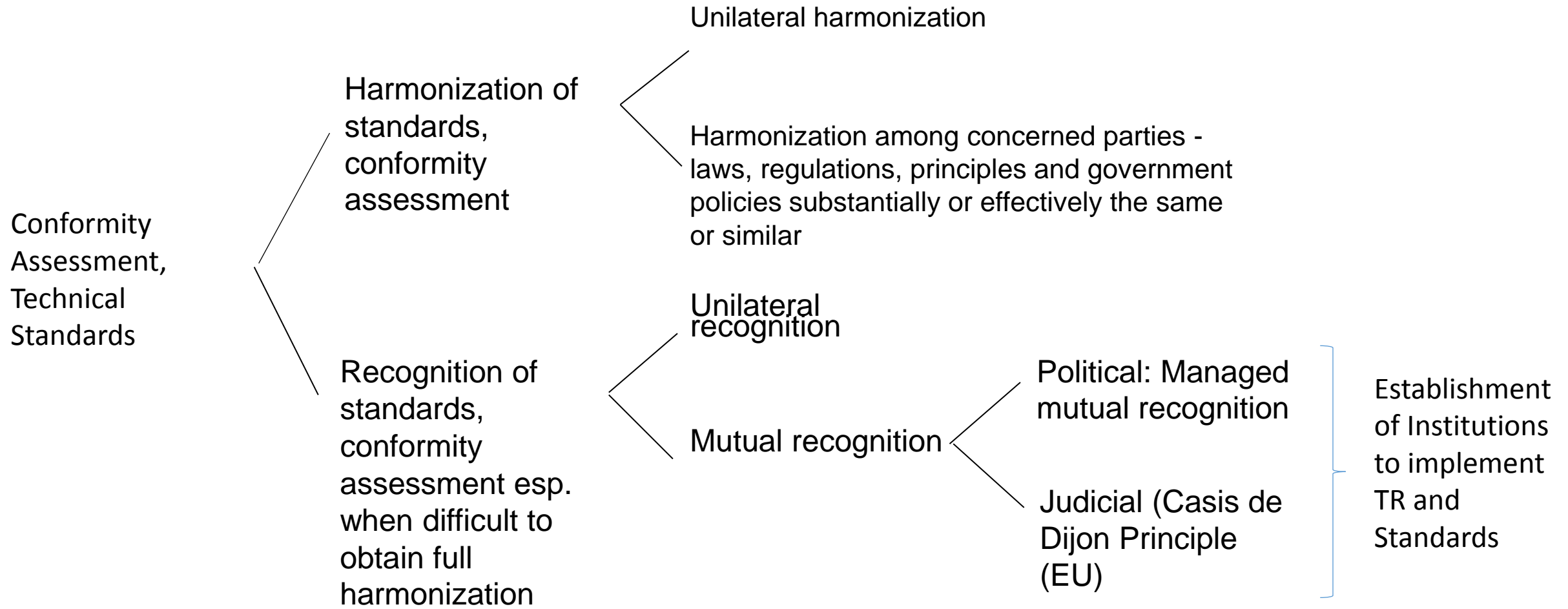


**Non-compliance results in
Goods refused entry**

**Non compliance results in rejection, prosecution,
product liability, loss of market**

Comparison between harmonization and recognition

(Hamanaka & Jusoh, 2017)



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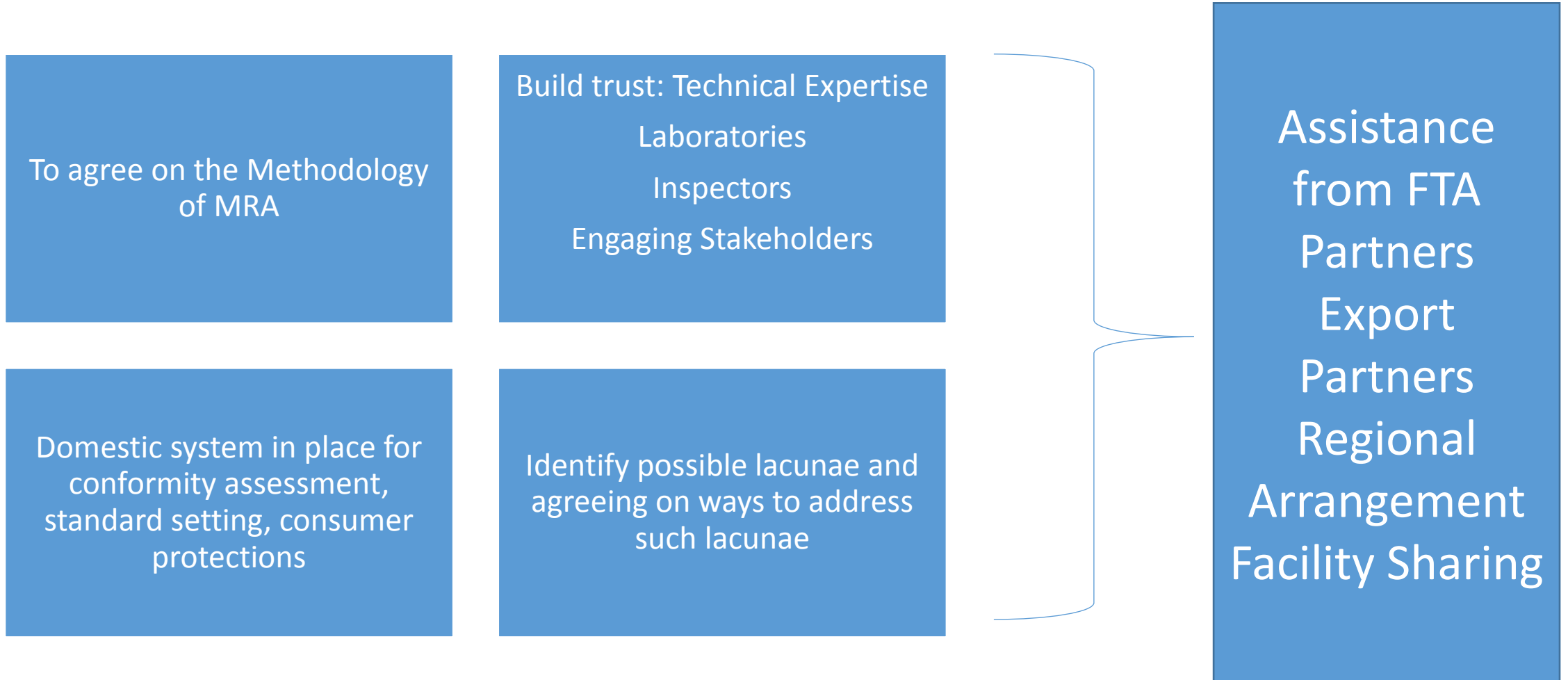
- To minimise trade protection and compliance costs in dealing with non-tariff barriers (NTB) by working on, inter alia, Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)



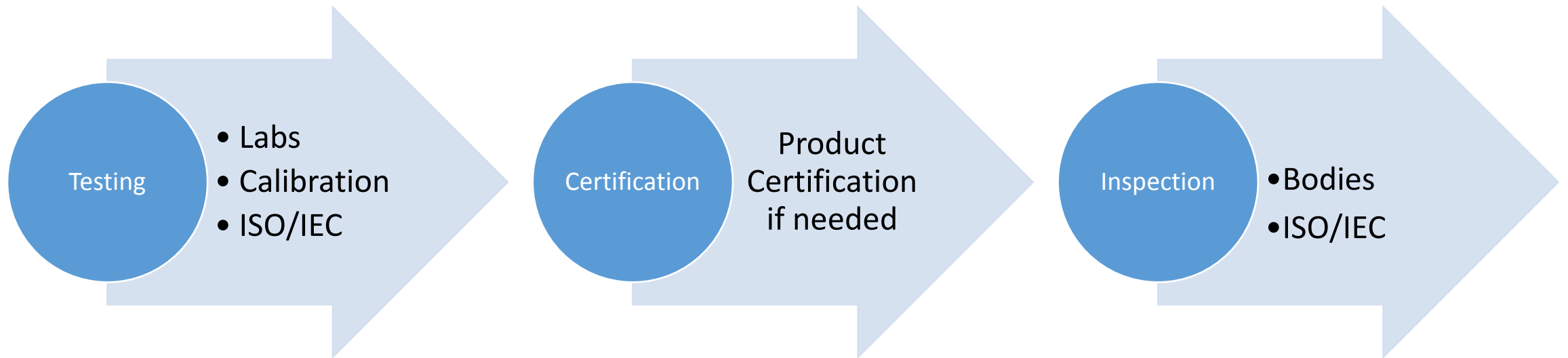
ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards & Conformance (ACCSQ)

- To eliminate technical barriers to trade
- **Harmonise standards and technical regulations** through alignment with international practices;
- Develop and implement Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) on Conformity Assessment;
- Enhance the technical infrastructure and competency in laboratory testing, calibration, certification and accreditation based on internationally accepted procedures and guides; and
- Strengthen information networking on standards and technical regulations

Challenges for CLMV: Negotiations and Capacity



Challenge for CLMV in MRA: Compliance mechanisms



- Products, materials, installations, plants, processes, work procedures and services, and report on such parameters as quality, fitness for use and continuing safety in operation.