

Benefiting from the MRAs

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How to benefit

- Issues for CMLV countries
- Potential Benefits
- Negotiations
- Capacity Building

Issues for CMLV Countries

- Increased internationalisation of regulations:
 - health, safety, consumer protection, the environment and labour
- Knowledge and technical capabilities in ensuring their products and services meet the standards set by the more developed nations
- The need to set-up facilities or share facilities
- Request for technical assistance and capacity building
 - WTO
 - FTAs

SPS Issues

- Technical Regulations
- Government Standards
- Private Standards
- Conformity Assessment



Potential Benefits

Market
Access

Reduce Cost
and Time

Removal of
Barriers

How to gain the benefit?

- Enhanced access to the markets
- Provide a way for the importing country to increase imports
- Allow the various regulatory bodies involved in granting rights to practice on a case-by-case basis to save time and resources by working together and engaging in a more effective division of labour
- Enhance mutual learning and the transmission of regulatory experience

Negotiations

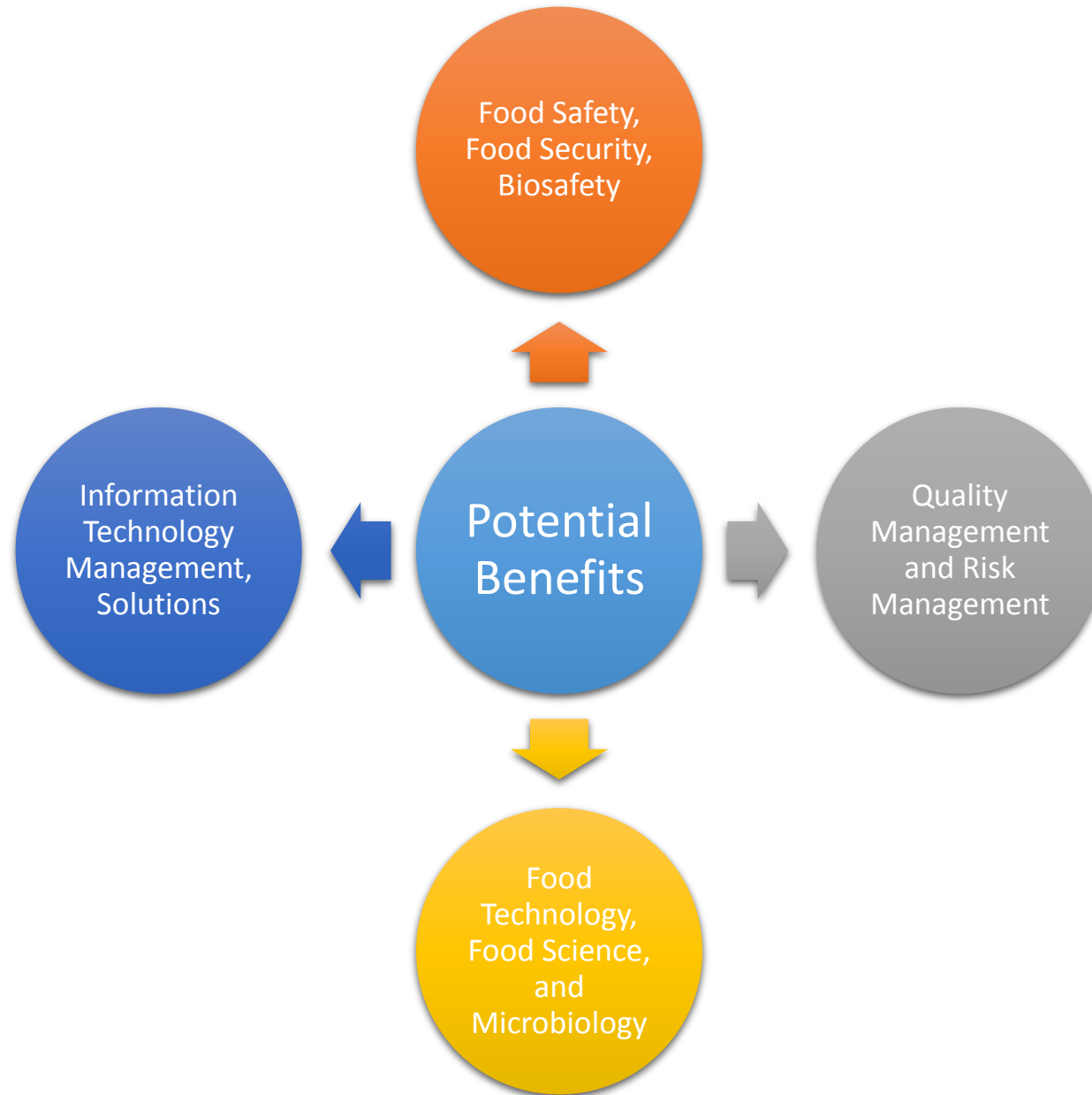
- Genuine Market Access: Cost Benefit Analysis
- Negotiations by the specialists
- Build the trust
- Clarify scope of application
- Require information sharing
- To have domestic system in place for conformity assessment, standard setting, consumer protections
- Comparing their compatibility
- Identify possible lacunae and agreeing on ways to address such lacunae
- Involve value judgments and subjective perceptions and evaluations of equivalency.



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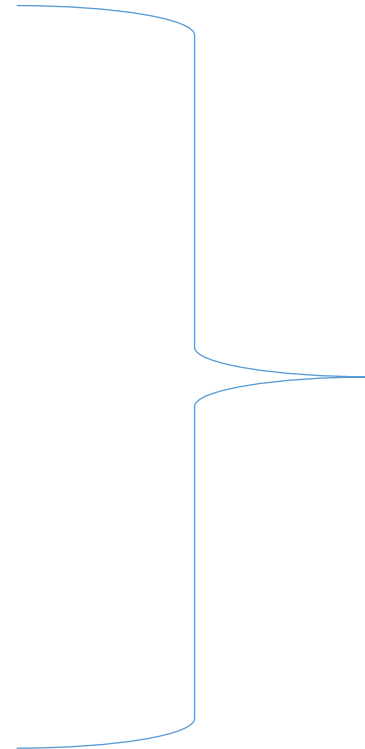
MRA is
Reciprocal in
nature

Potential Improvements



Capacity Building

- Technical Expertise
- Laboratories
- Inspectors
- Engaging Stakeholders



Assistance from FTA
Partners
Export Partners
Regional Arrangement
Facility Sharing