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TRADE DIGITALISATION IN ASEAN: PROGRESS AND CONTINUED REFORMS

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AEC BLUEPRINT 2025

- Fully roll out the National Single Windows in all ASEAN Member States, and widen the scope of the ASEAN Single Window project to include more documents and stakeholders in all ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

- Promote interoperability and align e-commerce-related regulations and standards to facilitate cross-border transactions.

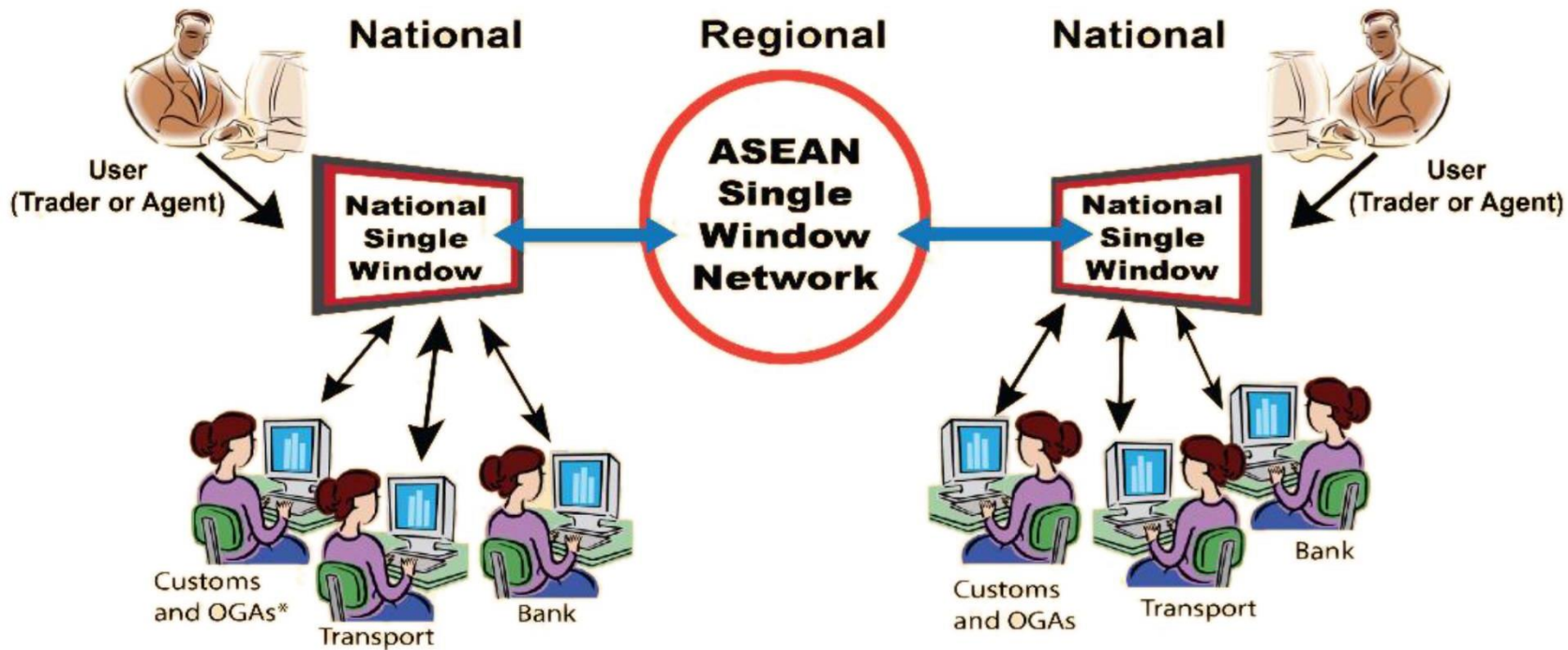
THE BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN ROADMAP: AN ASEAN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA TO ACCELERATE ASEAN'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DIGITAL ECONOMY INTEGRATION

- Establish ASEAN Single Window connections to ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, while ASEAN continues parallel work to expand the number of trade documents to be exchanged electronically amongst each other;
- Accelerate the full implementation and promote the use of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS).

HANOI PLAN OF ACTION ON STRENGTHENING ASEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Promote the use of science, technology and innovation, digital economy, and provide mechanisms to facilitate customs clearance and processing to allow businesses to continue operations amidst the economic challenges...

ASW – A Flagship Towards Paperless Trade



ASEAN Single Window (ASW) is a regional initiative that integrates National Single Window (NSW) of ASEAN Member States (AMS) with an objective to expedite cargo clearance and promote ASEAN economic integration by enabling the electronic exchange of cross-border trade-related documents.

How It Works?

While the technology of ASW is open to the preference of each country, all 10 AMS shared:

- Legal Framework
- Technical design
- Business process.
- Data Format & Standard

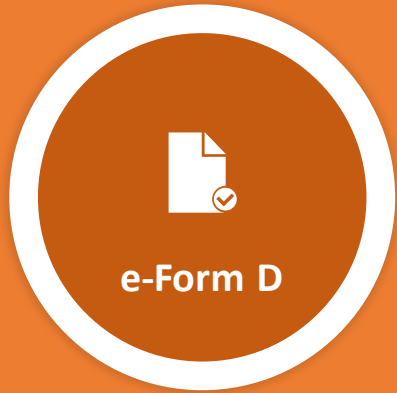
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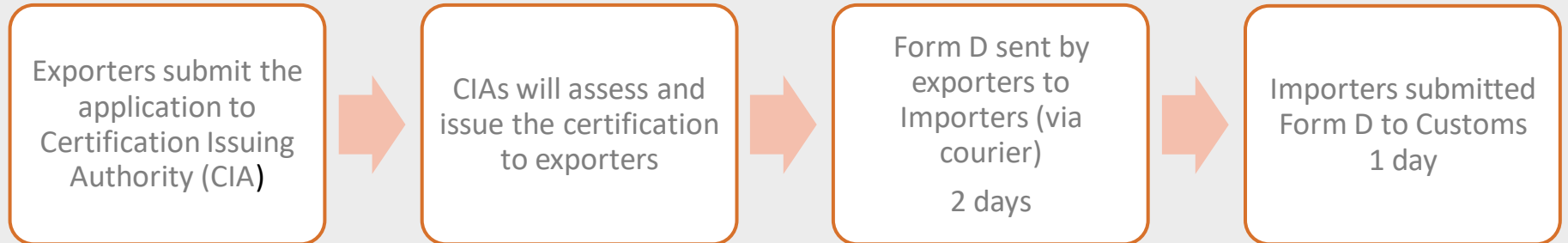
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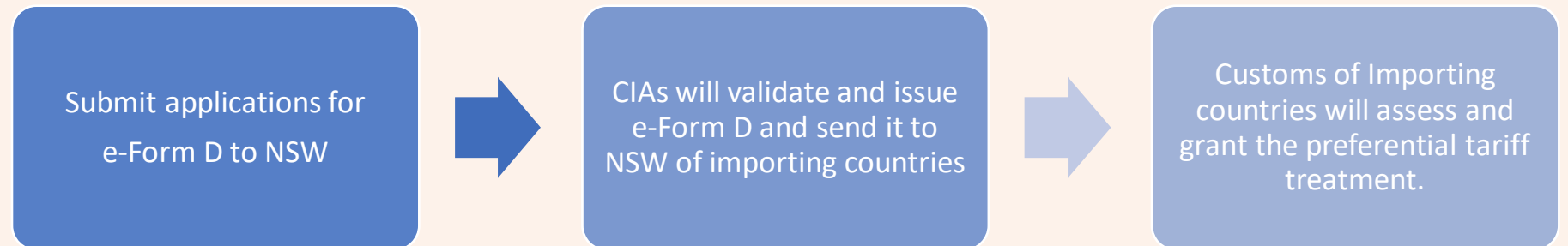
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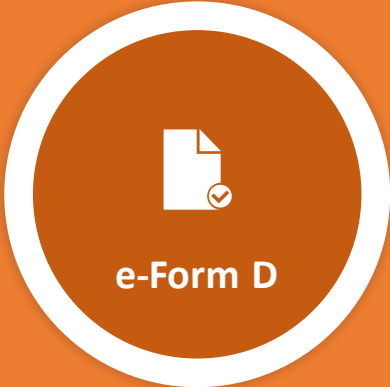
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Benefits



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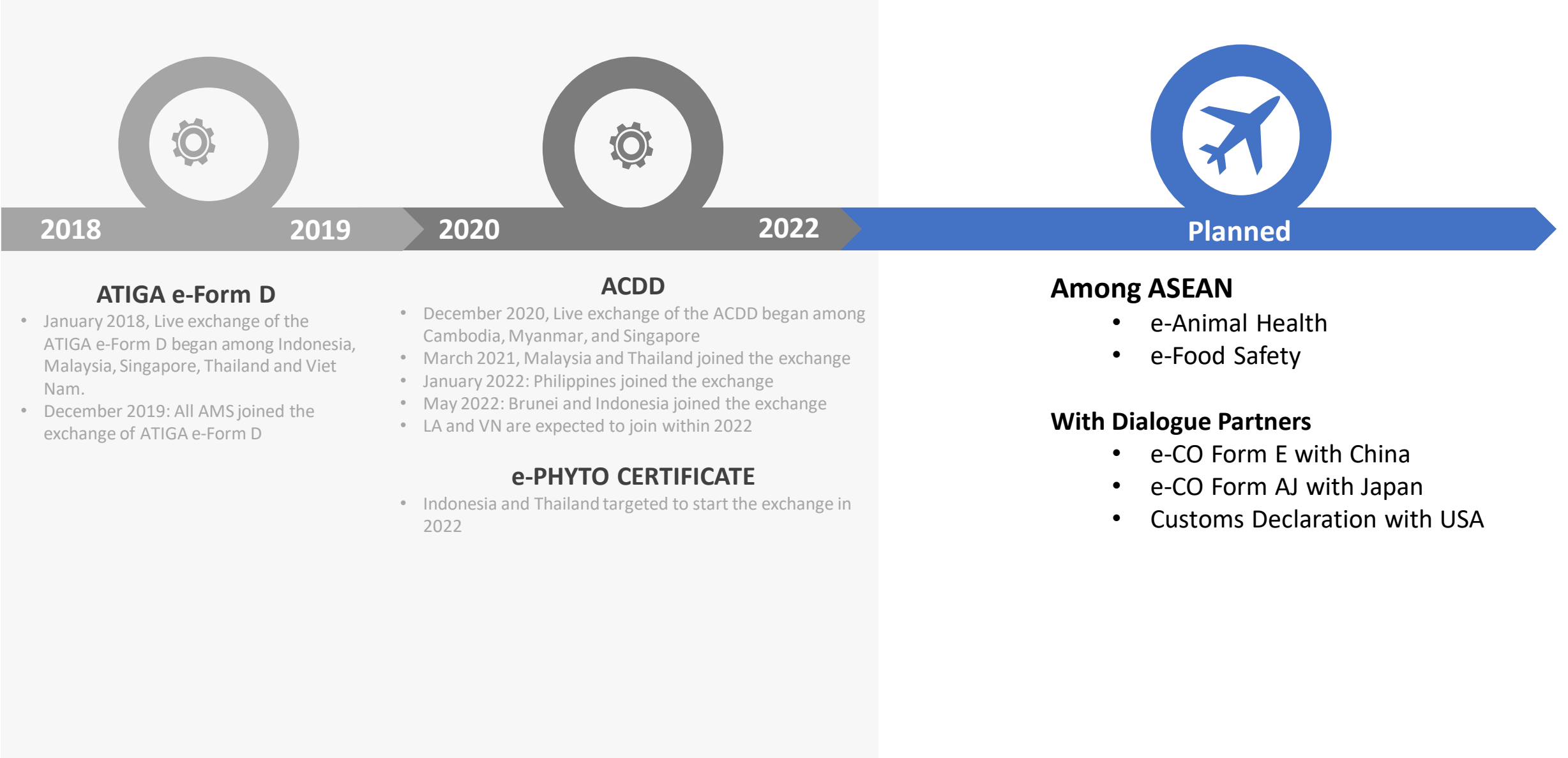
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A Journey to a Highly-Integrated and Cohesive Economy catalyzed by the ASW



ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)

Objective

To **simplify** and **harmonize transport, trade and Customs regulations** and to establish an effective, efficient, integrated, and harmonized transit transport system in ASEAN.

ACTS is designed to balance the facilitation and control of the goods in transit, moving from place to place between the participating ASEAN Member States



ASEAN Customs Transit System

What is transit of goods under the ACTS?

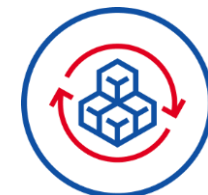
Goods move under **single digital Customs Transit Declaration** submitted at departure and valid throughout the whole journey

Goods move freely from one location to another **crossing** as many **borders between participating ASEAN Member States** as needed in the sealed compartment on a truck under Customs control and **suspension of duties and taxes**

Duties and taxes are only paid at the country of import wherever that may be after transit is completed

Single truck is used to transport the goods cross border **from departure location all the way to the destination location**

Single Bank Guarantee covers the duties and taxes at risk for the cross border entire journey



ASEAN Customs Transit System

Progress

- ACTS has been operated in 6 Participating ASEAN Member States: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam since 2 Nov 2020
- Promoting the use of the ACTS through the following initiatives:
 - The ACTS Private Sector Partnership Outreach Events
 - Two-Country Transit Pilot between Cambodia and Viet Nam

Future Plans

- Live Operation for Myanmar targeted in 2023
- Integrating the remaining AMS in Borneo Corridor into the ACTS
- Include other modes of transport, e.g. railway, into the ACTS

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FOODS FOR THOUGHTS – CONTINUED REFORMS

1. SUNSET CLAUSE ON PAPER-BASED FORM D: towards the full issuance of e-Form D in all ASEAN Member States

2. ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES OR BEST PRACTICES ON CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE, I.E. LUXOR RESOLUTION ON CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE, IN ASEAN AS APPROPRIATE

- consideration of guidelines for the exchange of information on e-commerce data between Customs administration and e-commerce operator

3. STRENGTHENING ASEAN REGULATORY FRAMEWORK THROUGH THE ATIGA UPGRADE NEGOTIATION

- Good Customs Practice COULD BE considered

4. SPILLOVER EFFECTS FROM OTHER INITIATIVES, operationalization of the pathfinder programme of the AEO MRA (2023), and the possibility of exchange of e-ASEAN Wide-self Certification (AWSC) through the ASW.

5. CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES such as AI and big data analysis to be utilized, e.g. deployment of equipment and facilities such as X-rays equipment for small cargo search based on AI, and promoting the automation of inspection sites.

6. ENHANCED COOPERATION with Dialogue Partners, International Organizations, and the private sector.