



U.S. Engagement on MRL Harmonization in APEC

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A Trade Facilitative Approach to MRL Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

- Join us!
 - October 9-10 in Brisbane, Australia
 - Save the Date coming soon





Overview

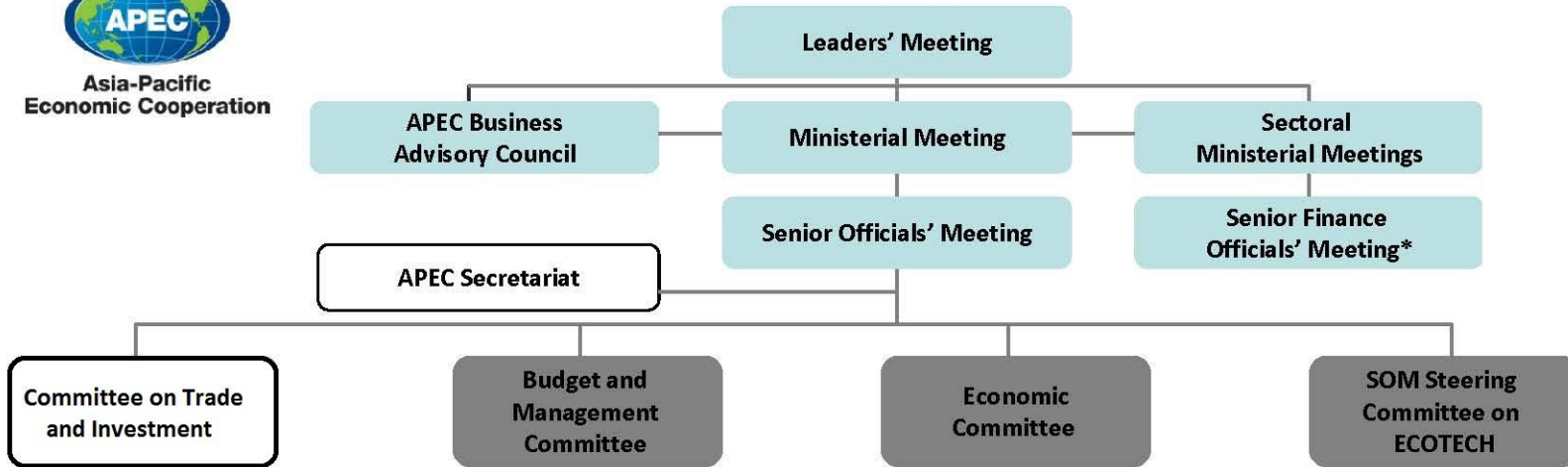
- Background: APEC and MRL Harmonization
- Strategic importance of APEC
- Workshop topics and details





APEC: An Overview

ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION





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Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation

Committee on Trade and Investment

Sub-committees/Experts Groups

- Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance
- Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures
- Market Access Group
- Group on Services
- Investment Experts Group
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Business Mobility Group
- Electronic Commerce Steering Group

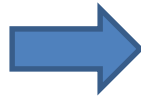
Industry Dialogues

(Reports to CTI)

- Automotive Dialogue
- Chemical Dialogue
- Life Sciences Innovation Forum

(Reports to SOM)

- High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology





APEC Timeline

- **2007:** FSCF established
- **2008:** PTIN established
- **2013:** APEC Regulatory Cooperation Plan and Action Plan
 - Identification of priorities: MRLs and export certificates
- **2016:** Import Tolerance Guidelines





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IMPORT MRL GUIDELINE FOR PESTICIDES

*A guideline on possible approaches to achieve alignment of
international MRLs*

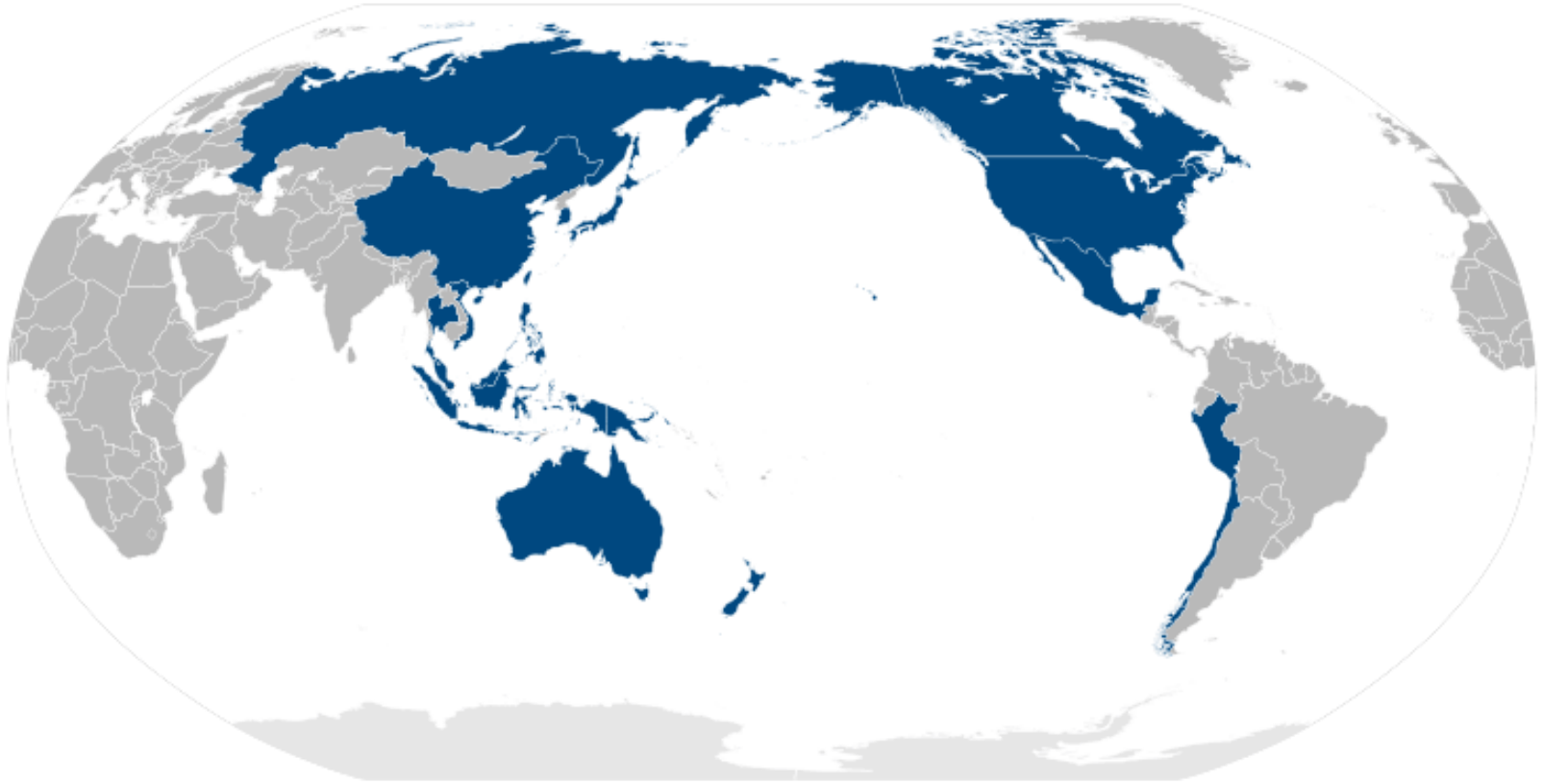
APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum
Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance

July | 2016





The Strategic Importance of APEC





The Strategic Importance of APEC

- **\$15 billion** in specialty crop exports (2017)
- Approximately **20%** of our comments on **SPS notifications** were related to MRLs in 2017
- Substantial **regional commitments** to **capacity-building**





U.S. Workshop: A Trade Facilitative Approach to MRL Enforcement and Compliance Assistance





APEC workshop: Key questions

- How can economies respond responsibly and flexibly to an MRL violation?
 - Immediately and in the months/years afterwards
- When does an MRL violation pose a health risk?
- How can governments address consumer-driven public health concerns about pesticides?





Thanks!

- Questions?
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