

Addressing NTMs in the RCEP Region



- **Takeaway 1: (Low-hanging fruit)** Establish mechanisms to effectively identify and eliminate/address NTBs/NTMs
 - clear criteria on identification and removal of NTBs with mechanisms in place for regular reviews
- **Takeaway 2: (Most significant challenge)** Harmonise standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in alignment with international practices and develop MRAs.
 - Priority: Labelling (nutrition labelling) and Product Registration (within the pre-market approval process)
- **Takeaway 3:** Simplify/eliminate unnecessary elements and duplication in customs and certification procedures
 - Adopting best practices (e.g. advance rulings, rational/liberal set of origin criteria, self-certification system on Rules of Origin, e-certificate of origin, etc.)
- **Takeaway 4:** Institutionalisation of regular dialogues/ consultations/ interactions between government and business sector to discuss RCEP initiatives/issues