



**THE FOURTH ASEAN-CHINA MINISTERIAL MEETING  
ON QUALITY SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE  
(SPS COOPERATION)**

**25 September 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

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1. The ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of the People's Republic of China held their Fourth Meeting on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SPS Cooperation) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 25 September 2014, under the co-chairmanship of H.E. U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar and H.E Dr. Zhi Shuping, Minister of AQSIQ, PR China.
2. The Ministers welcomed the significant progress and expressed their support and commitment on the implementation of the Plan of Action for the period of 2011-2015 to implement the Joint Declaration on the ASEAN China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity in which agriculture is becoming one of the priority areas.
3. The Ministers noted the progress of the ASEAN China Cooperation on SPS, implemented under the Plan of Action for 2013-2014. Taking into consideration the fast growth of ASEAN China's trade on food, the need to ensure food safety becomes the challenges. The Ministers reiterated the commitment to strengthen SPS cooperation between ASEAN and China as it will significantly contribute to the enhancement of trade opportunity of food and agricultural products.
4. The Ministers endorsed the new Plan of Action for 2015 – 2016, covering cooperation in the areas of i) establishment of information notification and communication system; ii) exchange of visits of relevant personnel of the Parties; iii) organize training, seminar, conference and similar activities for narrowing the development gap within ASEAN and China; iv) collaborative research in the areas of mutual interest; and v) establishment of mechanism for consultation.

5. The Ministers noted the operationalisation of China - ASEAN SPS Cooperation Information Website (<http://www.chinaaseansps.com>) and the China ASEAN Inspection and Quarantine Information Website (<http://caexpo.gxciq.gov.cn>) to facilitate exchange of information, enhance SPS communication, and support implementation of the SPS MOU Cooperation as well as support the implementation of ASEAN China Free Trade Area (ACFTA).

6. The Ministers reaffirmed their continue support in advancing cooperation under the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the People's Republic of China on Strengthening SPS Cooperation (MoU on SPS) through the signing of new MOU on 25 September 2014. The MoU on SPS is envisaged to contribute to successful implementation of the ACFTA.

7. The Ministers agreed to have the Fifth Meeting in China on 2016. The Ministers expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. H.E. Pehin Dato Yahya  
Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E. Ouk Rabun, Ph.D.  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. H.E. Dr. Suswono  
Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E. Dr. Ty Phommasack  
Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. H E. Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob  
Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia
- vi. H.E. U Myint Hlaing  
Union Minister for Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- vii. H.E. Segfredo R. Serrano  
Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. H.E. Dr. Mohamad Maliki bin Osman  
Minister of State for National Development and Defence, Singapore
- ix. H.E. Petipong Pungbun Na Ayudhya  
Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- x. H.E. Dr. Le Quoc Doanh  
Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
- xi. H.E. Zhi Shuping  
Minister of General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), People's Republic of China
- xii. H.E. Dr. AKP Mochtan  
Deputy Secretary General, Community and Corporate Affairs, ASEAN Secretariat

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