

ASEAN Single Window Program

Project Objectives:

Support ASEAN to implement the ASEAN Single Window as called for in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint, paragraph 18.

Implement the U.S.-ASEAN Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Work Plan commitment to support the ASEAN Single Window.

Key Work Areas:

- Operationalize the electronic exchange of live data through an ASW Pilot Project.
- Identify ASW standard business process flow for the clearance of goods and shipments.
- Develop an ASEAN standard data set for trade transactions based on the World Customs Organization data set and other international data standards.
- Establish ASW standards for messaging protocols for the exchange of e-documents to facilitate trade and trained technical experts on these protocols and their use.
- Increase technical and legal expertise within ASEAN as related to the ASW and e-commerce more generally.
- Support cross-border recognition of electronic signatures.
- Mobilization of private sector support for the implementation of the ASW.
- Support the development of National Single Windows.

The ASEAN Single Window program operates under the five-year US State Department/US Agency for International Development ASEAN Development Vision to Advance National Cooperation for Economic Integration (ADVANCE) contract.

ASEAN Member States are establishing National Single Windows (NSW) to enable the single submission of data for imports or exports that is quickly processed by all relevant agencies to provide expeditious decision-making for customs clearance of cargo. The ASEAN Single Window (ASW) is an environment where the ten NSWs of individual ASEAN Member States operate and integrate.

The five-year ASW program will support the implementation of the ASW (as outlined in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint) through five activity streams:

- **Technical Implementation Support** will focus on data harmonization and development of protocols for collecting and transmitting customs clearance data as well as on support for the pilot and final ASW implementation.
- **Legal Implementation Support** will focus on ensuring that all ASEAN Member Countries have the e-commerce framework necessary to support the ASW.
- **Support for the NSWs** will direct technical assistance to Member States that are still implementing single windows.
- **Private Sector Engagement & Public Awareness Campaign** to explain the benefits of ASW to government agencies and the private sector.
- **Monitoring and evaluation** will track ASW and NSW implementation to ensure that ASEAN political and economic leaders can measure progress.

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