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# ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Veterinary Practitioners



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## ARTICLE I OBJECTIVE



facilitate mobility of veterinary practitioners of the respective ASEAN Member States within ASEAN;



exchange information and enhance cooperation in respect of mutual recognition of the veterinary practitioners;



promote adoption of veterinary practice standards and qualifications for the practice of veterinary medicine; and



provide and facilitate capacity building and training of veterinary practitioners.

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## ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

Veterinary  
Practitioner

Veterinary  
Practitioner  
Specialist

Foreign  
Veterinary  
Practitioner

Country of  
Origin

Host  
Country

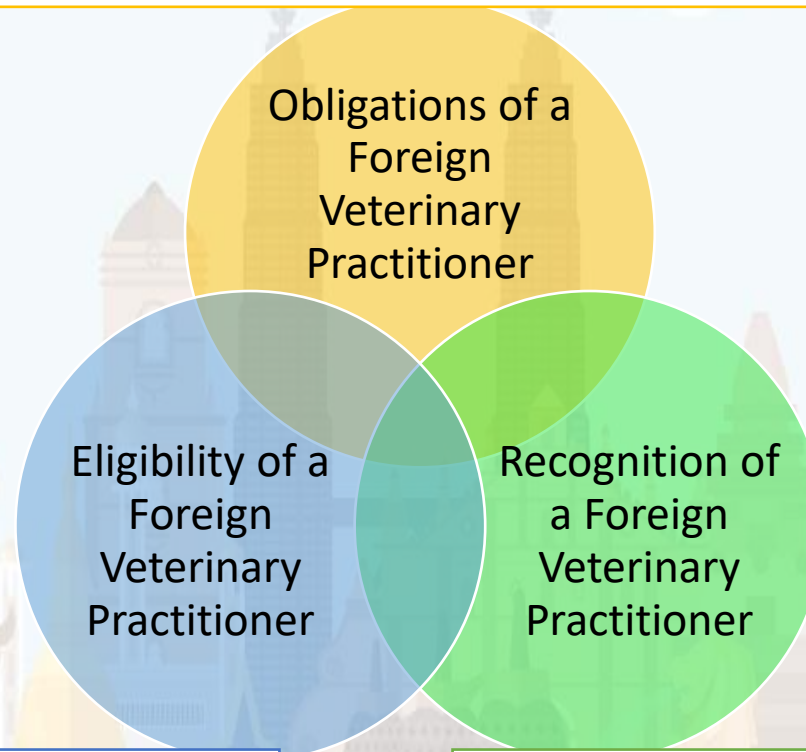
Professional  
Veterinary  
Regulatory  
Authority

Domestic  
Regulations

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A Foreign Veterinary Practitioner who is allowed to practice veterinary medicine in the Host Country shall be subject to its Domestic Regulations, and the ASEAN Veterinary Code of Conduct 2016

## ARTICLE III RECOGNITION AND ELIGIBILITY OF A FOREIGN VETERINARY PRACTITIONER



A Foreign Veterinary Practitioner who satisfies the Domestic Regulations of the Host Country shall be eligible to practice veterinary medicine in that Host Country

A Foreign Veterinary Practitioner may apply to be registered and/or licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the Host Country and shall do so in accordance with its Domestic Regulations



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## ARTICLE IV PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- Evaluate the qualifications, training and experiences of a Foreign Veterinary Practitioner;
- Grant recognition and register any eligible Foreign Veterinary Practitioner to practice veterinary medicine in the Host Country; and
- Monitor and assess the compliance of the Foreign Veterinary Practitioner in accordance with the Domestic Regulations of the Host Country.

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## ARTICLE V ASEAN VETERINARY STATUTORY BODY NETWORK

- Facilitate the implementation of this MRA through better understanding of the Domestic Regulations applicable in each ASEAN Member State and in the development of strategies for the implementation of this MRA;
- Encourage ASEAN Member States to standardize and adopt mechanisms and procedures in the implementation of this MRA;
- Encourage the exchange of information regarding laws, practices and developments in the practice of veterinary medicine within the region with the view of harmonization in accordance with regional and/or international standards;
- Develop mechanisms for continued information exchange as when needed;
- Review the MRA every five (5) years or any other period as the AVSBN deems appropriate; and
- Undertake any other matters related to this MRA.



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## ARTICLE VI DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

ASEAN Member States shall at all times endeavour to agree on the interpretation and application of this MRA and shall make every attempt through communication, dialogue, consultation and cooperation to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution of any matter that might affect the implementation of this MRA.

The ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism, done at Vientiane, Lao PDR on 29 November 2004, or its successor, shall apply to disputes concerning the interpretation, implementation, and/or application of any of the provisions under this MRA, if a mutually satisfactory resolution of any matter of interpretation and application of this MRA as referred to in Article 6.1 is not reached within 180 days after the date on which communication, dialogue, consultation and cooperation is first initiated.

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## ARTICLE VII MUTUAL EXEMPTION

AMS recognize that any arrangement which would confer exemption from further assessment by the PVRA of the Host Country shall be concluded only with the involvement and consent of that PVRA.

AMS note that the PVRA of the Host Country has the statutory responsibility of protecting the health, safety, environment, and welfare of the community within its jurisdiction, and may require the Foreign Veterinary Practitioners seeking the right to practice in the Host Country to submit themselves to some form of supplementary requirements or assessment.

AMS recognize that such requirements or assessment shall provide the PVRA of the Host Country with a sufficient degree of confidence that the Foreign Veterinary Practitioners concerned:

- are equipped with the necessary skills and expertise consistent with the practice of veterinary medicine, general and/or specialised, that they intend to carry out and undertake in the Host Country;
- understand the general principles behind applicable Professional and Ethical Codes of Conduct and standards of practice of veterinary medicine in the Host Country and demonstrate an ability to apply such principles in carrying out practice of veterinary medicine in the Host Country; and
- are familiar with the Domestic Regulations that govern the operation of practice of veterinary medicine in the Host Country.



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## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

This MRA may be amended with the written consent of all ASEAN Member States.

The amendments shall enter into force six (6) months after being signed by all ASEAN Member States.

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This MRA shall not reduce, eliminate or modify the rights, power and authority of each AMS, its PVRA and other relevant authorities to regulate and control veterinary practitioners and the practice of veterinary medicine within their jurisdiction. AMS, however, should undertake to exercise their regulatory power reasonably and in good faith for this purpose without creating any unnecessary barriers to the practice of veterinary medicine.

The terms and definitions and other provisions of the GATS and AFAS [and ATISA] shall be referred to and shall apply to matters arising under this MRA for which no specific provision has been made herein.

This MRA shall enter into force six (6) months after being signed by all ASEAN Member States.

This MRA shall be deposited with the ASEAN Secretariat, who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof to each ASEAN Member State.

## ARTICLE IX FINAL PROVISIONS



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# Thank you for your attention

