



# 4<sup>th</sup> Standards Conclave

## Specific recommendations

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## Agriculture:

- Enhance agriculture productivity, efficient use of inputs, new technologies, high value commodities, crop intensity: Conducive conditions for horticulture, dairy, poultry, animal husbandry, fishery, forestry .

## Industry:

- Last 3 decades 4 countries have transformed from developing to developed because of high increase in exports . India is unable to compete. Exports must compete against the best in the world and must therefore constantly upgrade technology, management and product quality to remain competitive

## Food:

- Raise standards to converge with international standards : adopt food quality and quality infrastructure, implementation of standards, raising of infrastructure especially for SMEs

# Specific Recommendations

## Standards

- Create dedicated Standards Cells in sectoral ministries and states with Government - private representations
- The work of Standards bodies in India should converge
- Ensure presence and advocate national interests on global standards setting forums. Ensure continuing participation of identified experts. Need to create a fund to support this.
- India should aim to become a recognized standards player and standards writer not only for domestic market but also for the world.
- SMEs need to participate more effectively in standards setting processes
- India should hold more international technical committee meetings in India and capturing more and more roles as chairs and conveyors

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## Conformity Assessment

- Promote self certification combined with penalties that are fair and dissuasive However as European results of self certifications are not very good, there is a need to have a mix of pre market testing and market surveillance.
- Buyers in Europe insist on private certifications with prohibitive costs on MSMES. There is a need to promote NABCB/ NABL Accredited conformity results to be accepted among organized foreign buyers
- There is a need to set up a standard for e commerce websites, their registration and certification to assure credibility. Can be Aadhar linked

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## Regulations

- Strategy needs to focus on how voluntary commitment from industry for compliance to standards can be achieved
- Technical regulations should be a core focus area in the Strategy. Need to come at par with developed countries
- Strategy should provide for risk based selection of compliance choices such as earned recognition practiced by UK
- Strategy to provide for keeping a close market watch on substandard imports and response mechanisms in consultation with domestic industries.
- Need to strengthen the technical evaluation mechanisms at the port of entries to prevent substandard products under technical regulations. This would be risk based and randomized

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- Need to develop a coordination mechanisms among FSSAI, DAHD, PPQ & the export promotion agencies
- There is a need to develop more robust and accurate risk assessment for food products to make the system credible
- Need for development of standards and guidelines for surveillance, monitoring, sampling and testing of food contaminants in the Indian market. Conduct periodic surveys to determine the level of domestic compliance.
- Sectoral regulations may be decided looking at level of trade practices, their reputational impact and trade volumes,
- Promote concept of self regulating membership based bodies. Set up a standard for self regulation.
- India can take a lead for harmonization of technical regulations in SAARC



# Views & Discussions