

2. JASIC Action (From February 23, 1998 -)

2.1 Survey and Analysis of Certification Systems including the Recall System

- February 23, 1998: JASIC signed the consultant contract for this project
- March 27, 1998: Progress Report 1 was submitted to the APEC Secretariat and to each member economy.
- June 4, 1998: The JASIC Secretariat and the persons concerned confirmed the current status and the obtained information and formulated the work schedule till the submission of Progress Report No. 2.
- June 9, 1998: A meeting of the Standards Certification Subcommittee was held. JASIC reported the contents of the work carried out so far, presented the work schedule till the submission of Progress Report No. 2 and decided to request the project team to perform a specific analysis work.
- June 11, 1998: JASIC announced to the member economies that the closing day for the information on certification system was just ahead.
- July 1, 1998: JASIC sent a demand note to those member economies which had not yet offered the information on certification system, urging them to offer the information.
- July 8, 1998: Mr. M.C. Kimberlee, project leader of APEC RTHP visited Japan. On this occasion, meeting was held to report the status of progress, and got some advice. JASIC also asked him for assistance to remind of the submission of information to the member economies which had not responded yet.
- July 17, 1998: The project team began to investigate the analysis format and started a test analysis of the obtained information.
- July 27, 1998: JASIC sent a demand note again to those member economies which did not respond to the demand note of July 1, urging them to offer the information.
- August 21, 1998: JASIC will submit Progress Report No. 2 to the APEC Secretariat.
- August 21, 1998: Progress Report 2 was submitted to the APEC Secretariat and to each member economy.
- September 11, 1998: Comments on Progress Report 2 were received from Mr. Kimberlee of FORS.
- October 18, 1998: Progress Report 2 was introduced to the APEC RTHP Steering Committee and cooperation was requested from member economies that have not yet given information.
- November 25, 1998: The project team completed Analysis of information on certification systems, using an analytical format.
- December 15, 1998: Draft final report will be submitted to the APEC Secretariat and to each member economy.

Status of final answers received:

APEC member economies that gave a formal answer;

Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States

APEC member economies that have not given a formal answer;

China, Malaysia, Mexico

2.2 Update of Information on Comparisons of Technical Regulations in Phase 3

July to September 1998: Analysis of submitted technical regulations and revision of past analysis results were conducted. Concerning ECE, revisions were made with information on hand.

October to November 1998: Data was organized for submission on CD with the draft final report of analysis results. At the same time, invalid parts of the CD submitted last year were also revised.

Acquisition of information on technical regulations:

APEC member economies that gave a formal answer;

Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand

APEC member economies that have not given a formal answer;

Brunei, Chile, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, United States

3. Consultant Results

3.1 Investigation and Analysis of Certification Systems including the Recall System

In the investigation and analysis of approval systems, questionnaires were distributed in order to gather relevant information and there were a conspicuously large number of enthusiastic, detailed answers.

There are many cases in which more than one government agency in each APEC member economy plays roles in the certification system for motor vehicles. In Thailand, the environment agency and the transportation agency each provided requisite data. A composite answer from 4 relevant government agencies was received from Chinese Taipei. Korea provided detailed documents as necessary on certification systems, as well as approval test conditions, mass