

Singapore's Internal Procedures Upon The Conclusion Of An Agreement By ASEAN

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Nature of Agreement

- What is the meaning of an agreement concluded by ASEAN?
 - Agreement by ASEAN as an international organisation with an external party
 - Agreement by ASEAN as an international organisation with an ASEAN Member State
 - Agreement by ASEAN as a group of 10 ASEAN Member States with an external party
 - Agreement amongst ASEAN member states
 - Non-binding arrangements?

Determination of the Applicable Process

- The determination of the applicable process domestically is dependent on the nature of the agreement
- Key is whether the agreement entails any obligations for Singapore

Outline of Domestic Process for Approval

- Consultation amongst relevant agencies
- Approval by Cabinet
- Drafting of implementing legislation, if necessary
- Passing of implementing legislation by Parliament
- Deposit of instrument of ratification/accession (where applicable)

Consultation Amongst Relevant Agencies

- Assumption – text already adopted
- Considerations
 - Nature of agreement
 - Rights and obligations that Singapore may have under the agreement, including financial implications
 - Whether implementing legislation required and if so, when implementing legislation is required

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