



Concept Note

ReCAMA Workshop on Trade Procedures and Practices for Agricultural Machinery

*27 Oct. 2021, Wednesday
14:15-15:45 Beijing time (GMT+8)*

I. Background

The Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations (ReCAMA) aims to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization in Asia and the Pacific through strengthening the capacity of national agricultural machinery associations, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and information, and enhancing collaboration and closer business connections among national associations and their members. To date, ReCAMA has 21 Member associations from 15 countries.

Five trainings and study tours for agricultural machinery manufacturers and distributors under ReCAMA have been successfully organized since 2015, focusing on whole process mechanization; conservation agriculture and transplanting; precision agriculture and harvesting technologies of rice and maize; automation, irrigation (solar power), and plant protection (with UAV); and climate-smart mechanization, whole value chain mechanization and horticulture mechanization. These events were attended by approx. 300 participants from around 19 Member associations.

Apart from a few countries which have a well-developed industry for agricultural machinery manufacturing, the majority of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region have limited manufacturing of machinery and equipment and rely predominantly on imports to meet their domestic needs. This lends importance to measures to facilitate more smooth and integrated trade in agricultural machinery in order to support sustainable agricultural development and food security as envisaged under Sustainable Development Goal 2 (ending hunger and malnutrition). To support such measures, it is important to enable a better understanding of the procedures and practices applicable to trade in agricultural machinery in different countries as this can assist both machinery importers and exporters.

In line with the agreement reached at the 6th Member Meeting of ReCAMA held in 2020, a 'ReCAMA Workshop on Trade Procedures and Practices for Agricultural Machinery'

will be organized to share relevant information for promoting regional trade of agricultural machinery in Asia and the Pacific. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to take a digital tour of the China International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition 2021 to virtually see and learn about various types of new machinery.

II. Objectives:

The overall objective of the ReCAMA Workshop is to promote more integrated trade in agricultural machinery in the region. The specific sub-objectives are:

- 1) To increase awareness about key procedures and practices relating to trade of agricultural machinery in countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 2) To identify information gaps relating to import and export procedures of agricultural machinery and explore ways to address them.
- 3) To provide exposure to a range of new agricultural machinery and equipment.

III. Organization and Participation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ReCAMA Workshop on Trade Procedures and Practices for Agricultural Machinery will be co-organized virtually via Zoom on 27 October 2021 at 14:30-15:45 Beijing time (GMT+8) by CSAM, China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association, Association of Indonesian Agriculture Machinery, and Thai Society of Agricultural Engineering.

Expected participants include representatives of ReCAMA Member associations and their member enterprises as well as other pertinent stakeholders from the Asia-Pacific region.

IV. Tentative Programme

<i>27th October 2021 Wednesday</i>	
14:15-14:25	Opening Launch of the 2 nd ReCAMA Research Paper on Trade and Investment Policies of Agricultural Machinery
14:25-15:25	Sharing of Country-level Trade Procedures and Practices for Agricultural Machinery (5 countries)
15:25-15:35	Q&A
15:35-15:40	Digital Show of China International Agricultural Machinery Exhibition 2021
15:40-15:45	Wrap up and Closure