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Update on the work of the first national consumer association and how to set up consumer associations including formal requirements

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Toward establishment of a new Consumer Association on food safety: key actives and results

- Consumers awareness raising on consumer protection law and on consumer association: conducted through different meetings and workshops organized by CIRDA
- A core team or Task Force was established in mid 2022 to prepare for establishment of CA
- 3 Meetings of Task Force were conducted to draft the statute of the future CA and to prepare all required steps to follow for the establishment of CA
- A Statute of Consumer Association on Food Safety (CAFS) was drafted and available for further consultation with consumers who are interested to be founders of the association (to get the draft statute please click this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qrYw4RGMiXzLI0xbLkwRk9r1nti4esY8/view?usp=share_link

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Statute of Consumer Association on Food Safety (CAFS)

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Draft version prepared by CAFS establishment Task Force

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Networking with other Consumer Associations in ASEAN countries

The Cambodian CA establishment Task Force had participated in meetings with other CAs of ASEAN countries to:

- Share information and experience
- Establish ASEAN Consumers Alliance
- Take part of ASEAN Consumers Alliance as a member (temporarily under CIRD and will be replaced by the new Consumer Association that will be established in the future)

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The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting grid with 20 participants. The participants are:

- Saral James, Standards Users (MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF STANDARDS USERS)
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- TCC-saree aongsomwang (itt)
- sasiwan (FFC, Thailand)
- ALPER
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- Alice Pham (Research Consults)
- Maung Maung MCU
- Dr. Win Maung
- Gunā Selan Marian
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- Khin Nyein Nu(MCU)
- NCCC Malaysia Baskaran
- Mō Mo (MCU)
- Van Hoc Tran
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- TCC NANCY -THAILAND
- Yuni_YLKI
- Patchara (Jake) Klaewkla : TCC
- Marimuthu Nadason, FOMCA

Further steps

- Organise consultation meetings with consumers who are interested to take part as founders of the association
- Organise Foundation Assembly to formally establish the Consumer Association on Food Safety
- Identify and contact to get prior approval from the ministry or institution whose roles and duties covers Food Safety sector
- Proceed for official registration with the Ministry of Interior