

# Current Research and Development of Nanometrology in Thailand

*“Experience and Practices in the Testing, Characterization,  
Standardization and Certification of Nanoproducts”*



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# Outlines

## **1. Current Status of Nano Products**

## **2. Nano Products Characterization**

*- Guidelines & Best Practices from THAILAND –*

## **3. Important of Traceability**

*-Preliminary Work on Inter-Laboratory Comparison-*

## **4. Certification**

*-Best practices and experiences from THAILAND -*

**CURRENT STATUS OF**

**Nano Products**

# Nano Products in Market Place

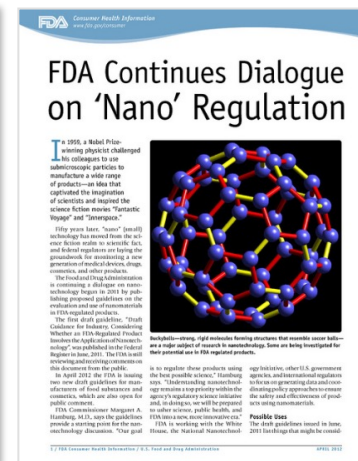
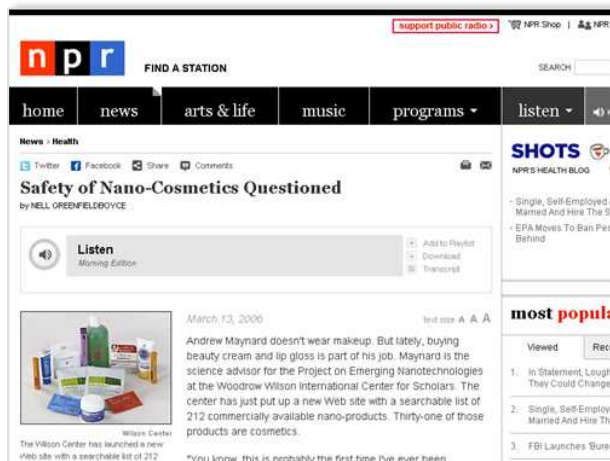
Many nano products are being developed and marketed **without** detailed characterization nor prior review and approval of their efficacy and safety.





# Characterization & Regulatory Gaps of Nano Products

- No agreed protocols for physico-chemical characterization
- Existing 'methods of test' may not be suitable for nanoscale devices and dimensions
- Measurement techniques and instruments need to be developed and/or standardized
- Calibration procedures and CRMs needed for validation of test instruments at nanoscale



# Nanotechnology Value Chain

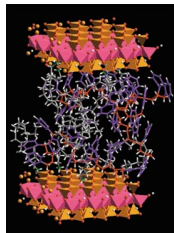
## Nanomaterials

**Nanoscale structures in unprocessed form**



## Nanointermediates

**Intermediate products with nanoscale features**



## Nano-enable products

**Finished goods incorporating nanotechnology**



***Needs !!***

**Test methods, Instruments, Standards, Safety**

**Nanotechnology may become  
a new non-tariff barrier**

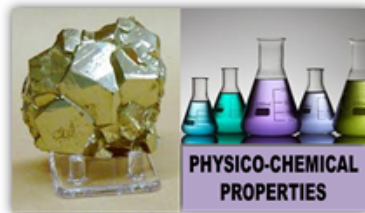
# LACK OF INFORMATION



REAL or FAKE ?

REAL with QUALITY ?

REAL with SAFETY ?

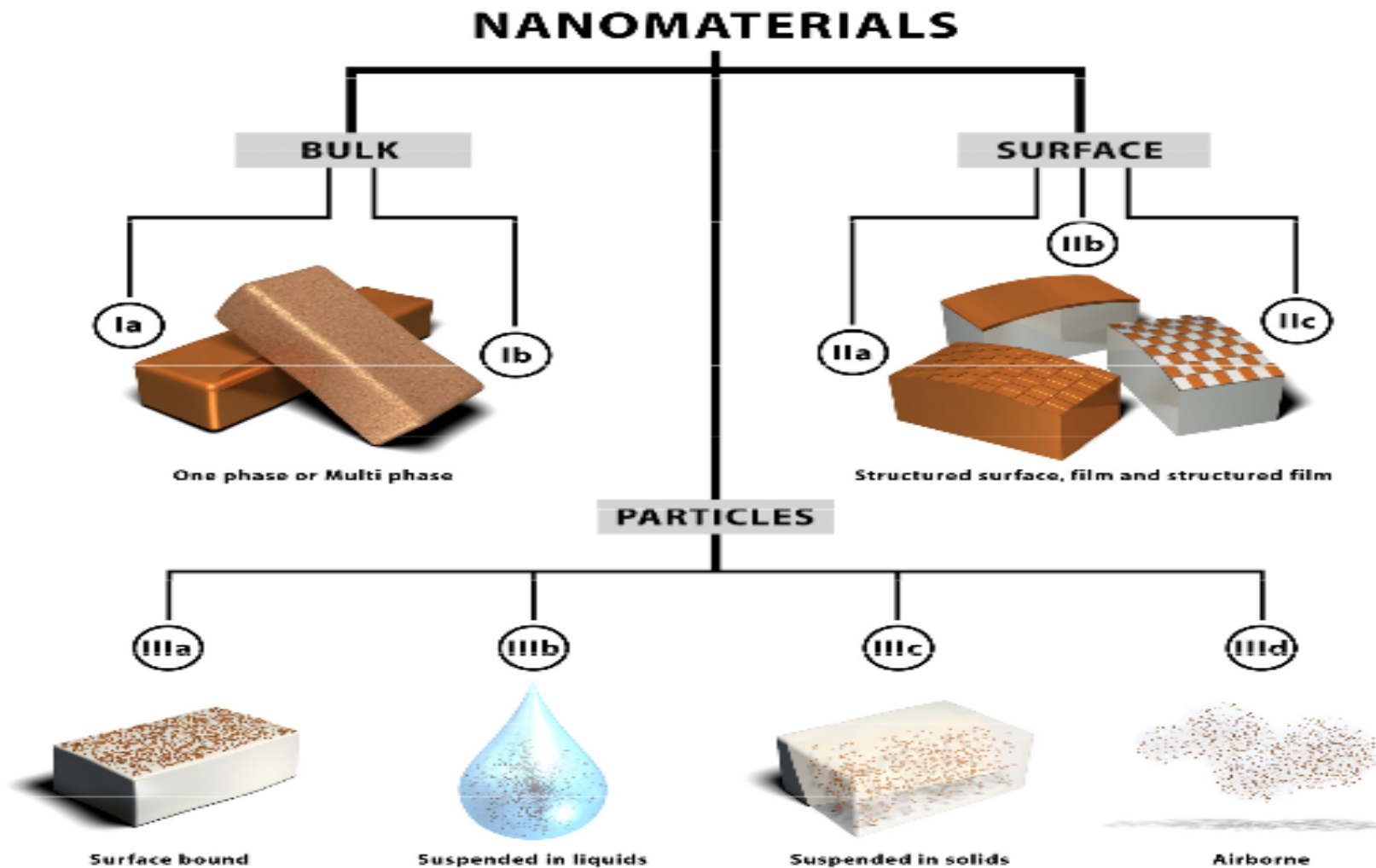


## INFORMATION OF THE TEST ITEM (CLOSED TO) CORRECT ONES

- WHICH PART IS CLAIMED NANO ?
- COMPOSITION OF THE NANO
- FUNCTION CLAIMED



# WHERE IS MY NANOMATERIALS ?

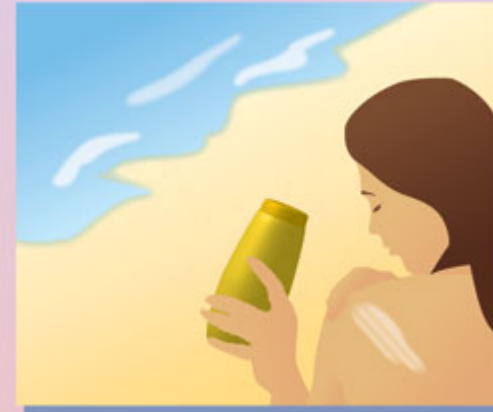


according to the location of the nanostructure in the material (Hansen *et al.* 2007)

Figure 6. The categorization framework for nanomaterials. The nanomaterials are categorized

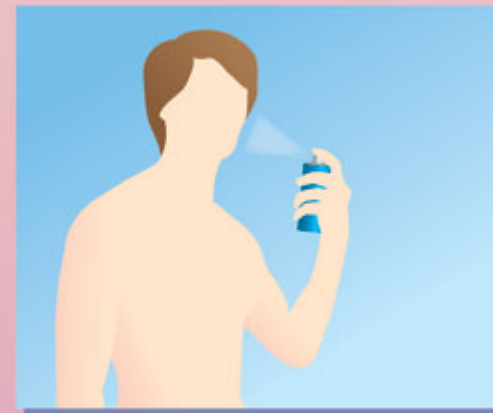
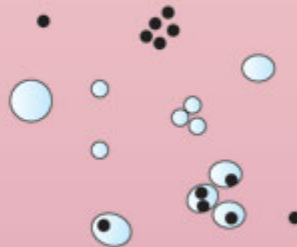
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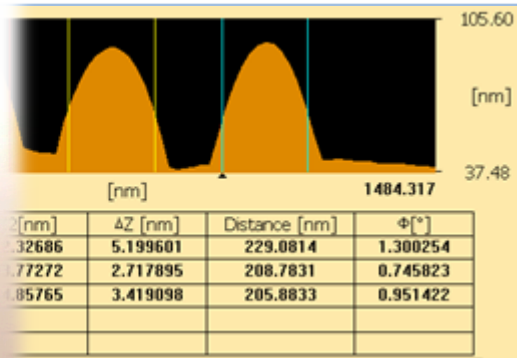
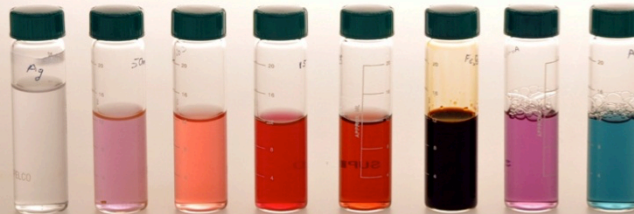
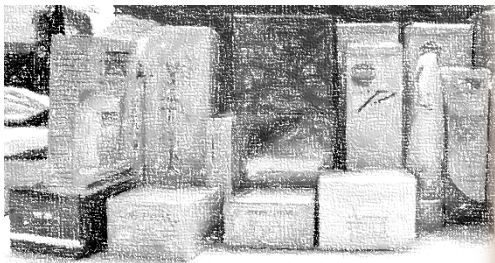
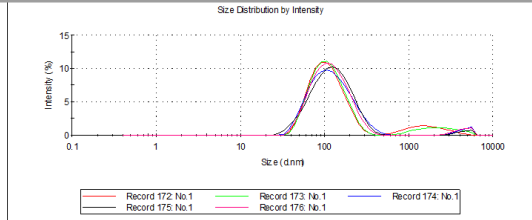
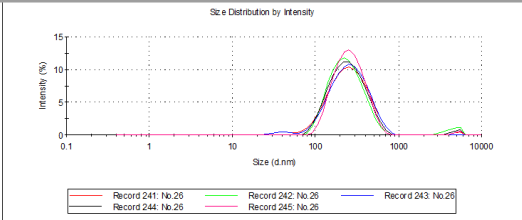
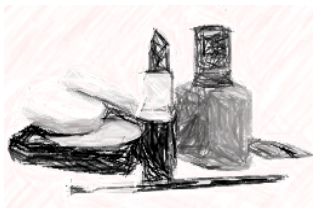
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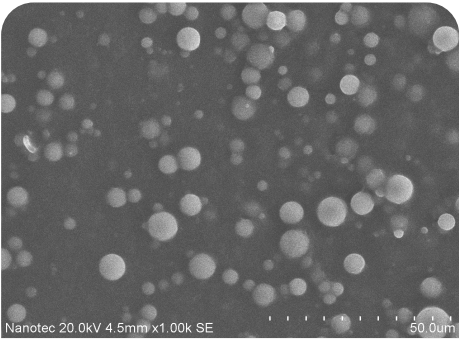




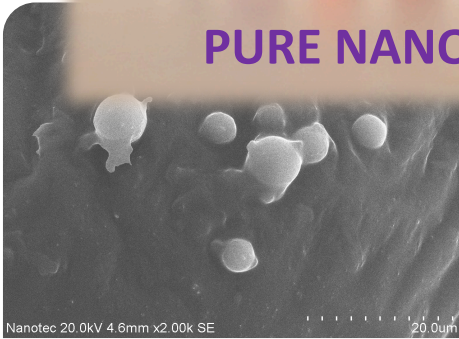
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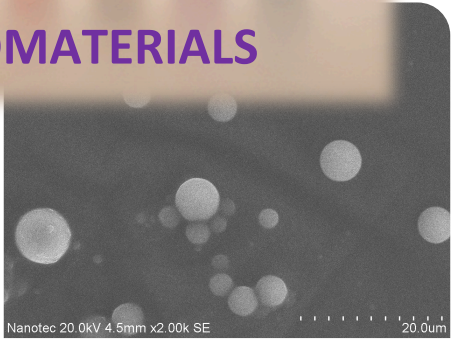
## PURE NANOMATERIALS



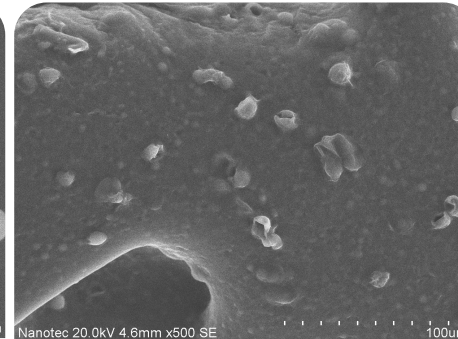
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## Sample 28



## Sample 32

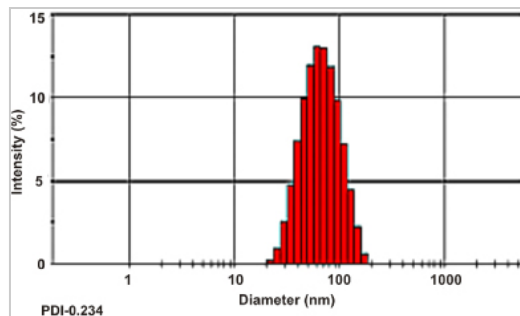
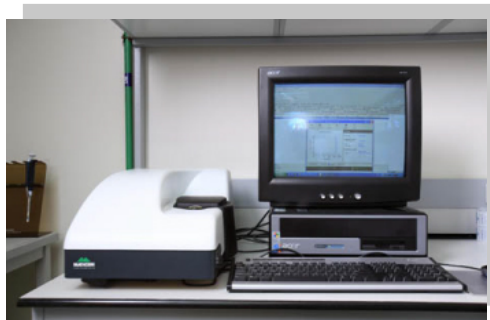


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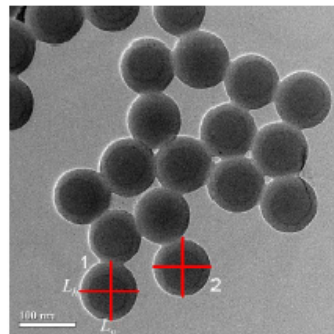


# WHICH INSTRUMENT BEST ?

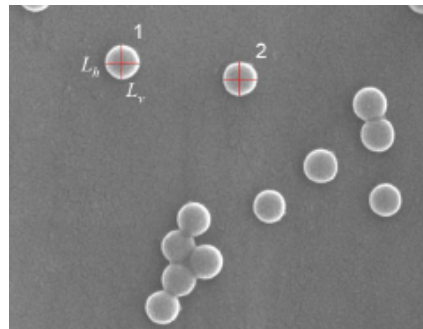
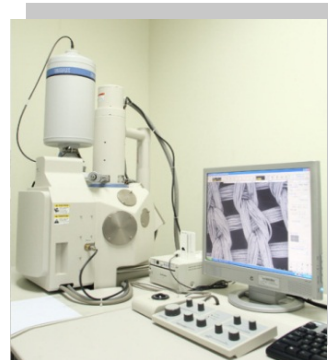
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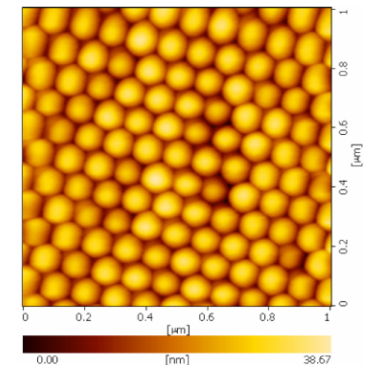
**TEM**



**SEM**

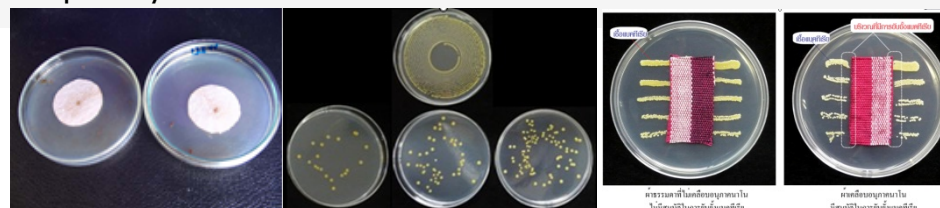


**AFM**



# WHICH STANDARD METHOD ?

Test Method	Titles
ISO 22916: 2011	Antimicrobial products – Test for Antimicrobial Activity and Efficacy
JIS Z 2801: 2006	Test for Antimicrobial Activity of Plastics
AATCC 100 (2004)	Assessment of Antimicrobial Finishes on Textile Materials
ASTM E2149-10	Determining the Antimicrobial Activity of Immobilized Antimicrobial Agents under Dynamic Contact Conditions
CLSI M7-A7 MIC (2006)	Methods for Dilution Antimicrobial Susceptibility Tests for Bacteria that Grow Aerobically
AATCC 147 (2011)	Antibacterial Activity Assessment of Textile Materials: Parallel Streak Method
JIS L 1902: 2008	Testing for Antibacterial Activity and Efficacy on Textile Products
NCCLS M2-A6 (DISK)	Antimicrobial Disk Susceptibility Tests



**NanoProducts**

**CHARACTERIZATION**

**- Guidelines & Best Practices from THAILAND -**



# National Advanced Nano-characterization Center (NANC)



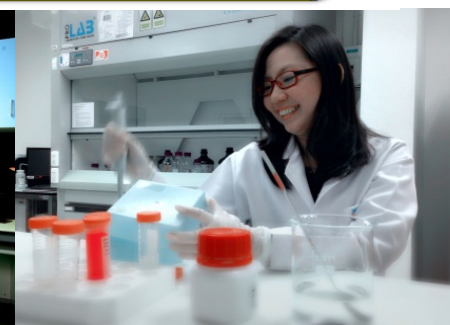
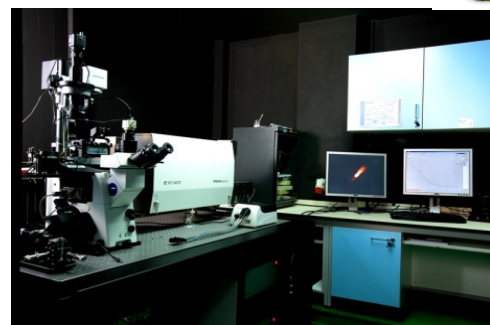
## Research & Development



## Lab Continual Improvement



## Standards & Regulations



# OUR FACILITIES

## Nano Imaging Laboratory



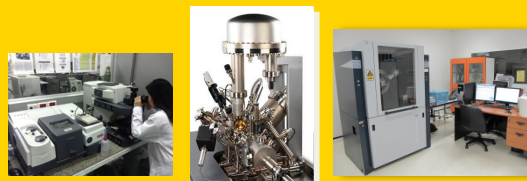
## Advanced Optical Microscopy & Spectroscopy Laboratory



## Nanoparticle Detection & Sizing Laboratory



## Integrated NanoMaterials Characterization Laboratory



## Analytical NanoChemistry Laboratory



## NanoProduct Functionality & Specification Laboratory

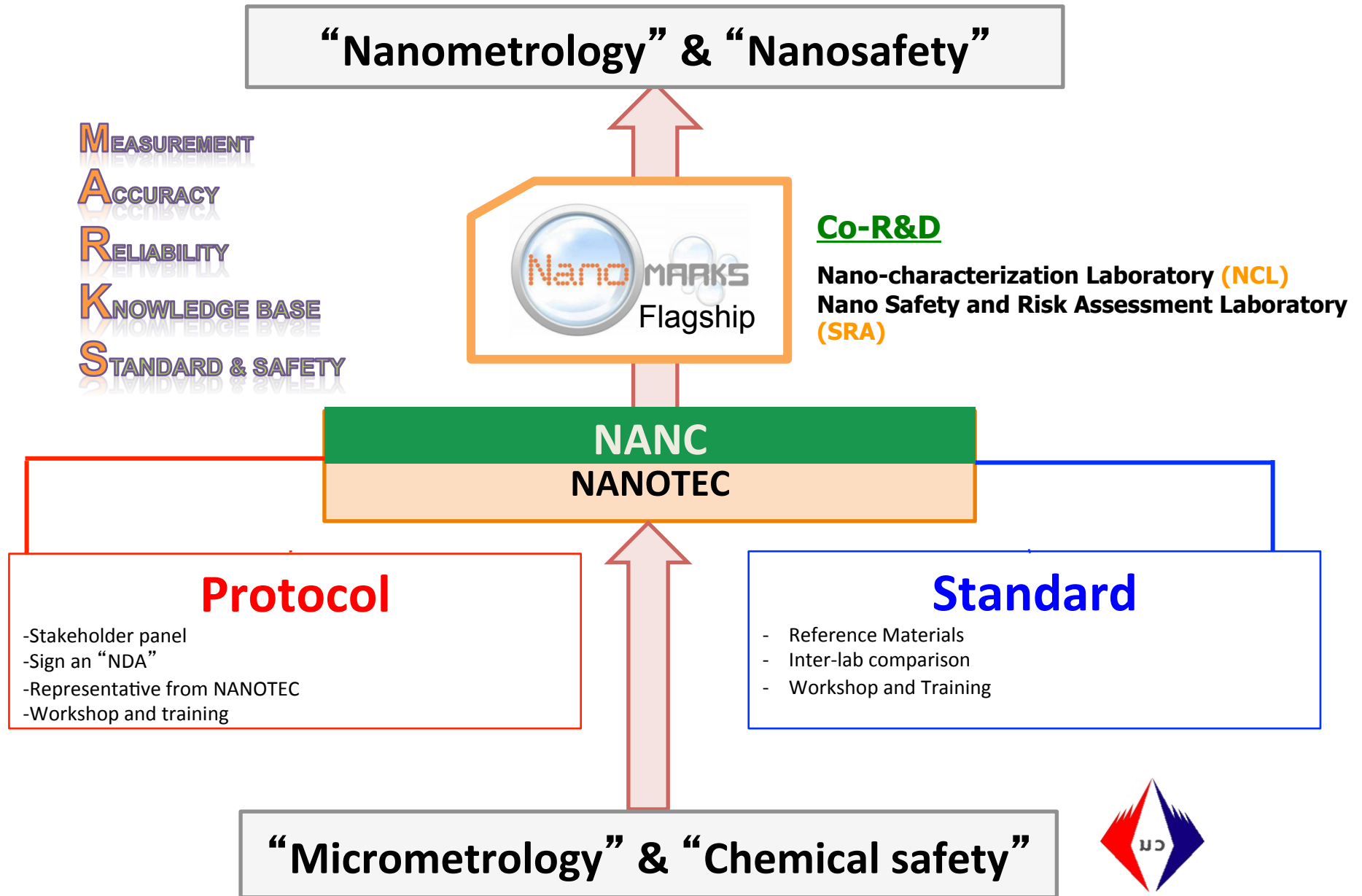


## Nanoproduct safety Laboratory









# Flagship: NanoMARKS





# Testing of Products Containing Nanomaterials

Thailand is presently establishing of standard testing and characterization services to specific requirements of targeted industrial sectors

Food	Cosmetic	Petrochem.	Textile
			
<h2>Assay Cascade Protocols</h2> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physico-chemical characterization of nanomaterials</li> <li>2. Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts</li> <li>3. Safety assessment of nanomaterials</li> </ol>			
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# CASCADE ANALYSIS OF NANOPRODUCT

## Sectors

## Assay Cascade Protocols

### Foods/ Food Additives / Agricultural products



- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
- Release test
- Biological and cell-based model assays
- Cytotoxicity
- Absorption
- Metabolism: interaction with hepatic enzyme
- Immunotoxicity
- Genotoxicity (Comet assay and micronucleus assay)

### Paints / Coating



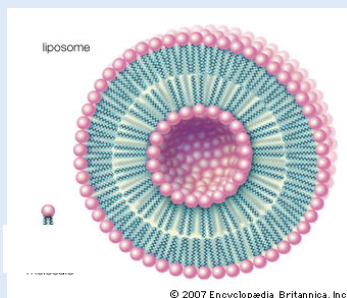
- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
- Release test
- Health: Cell-based model assays
- Penetration test
- Acute toxicity assay
- Immunotoxicity assay
- Genotoxicity (Comet assay and micronucleus assay)
- Environment: Ecotoxicity

# CASCADE ANALYSIS OF NANOPRODUCT

## Sectors

## Assay Cascade Protocols

### Cosmetics/ Herbal products / Medical Devices



- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
- Biological and cell-based model assays
- Skin penetration test (*in vitro*)
- Acute skin irritation test (*in vitro*)
- Cytotoxicity (*in vitro*)
- ROS assay (*in vitro*)
- Immunotoxicity (*in vitro*)
- Genotoxicity (Comet assay and micronucleus assay)

### Textiles & Clothing



- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
- Release test
- Biological and cell-based model assays
- Acute skin irritation test (*in vitro*)
- Cytotoxicity (*in vitro*)
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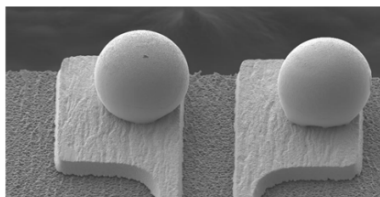
## Assay Cascade Protocols

### Petrochemicals



- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
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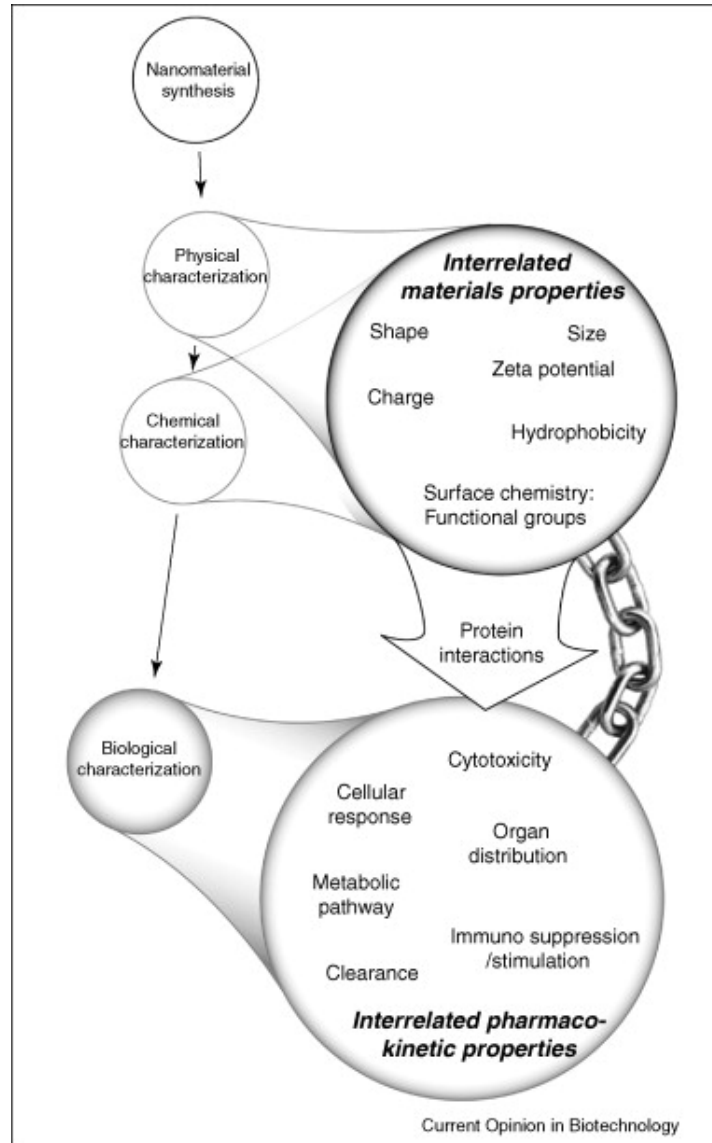
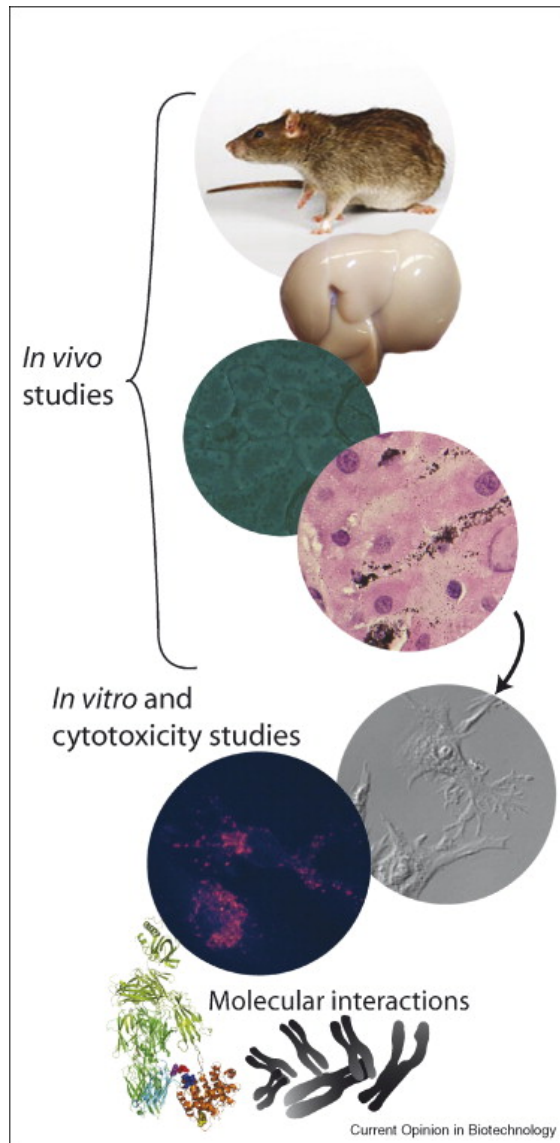
### Computer hardware & Electronic devices



Solder balls jetted onto suspension pads with poor wettability

- Physical-chemical characterization of nanomaterials
- Functionality / Performance of nanoproducts
- Micro/ Nanostructure
- Surface chemistry,
- Chemical composition
- Contamination
- Failure analysis

# Effect of physicochemical characteristics of nanomaterials on their toxicities



## 5S Factor

- **Size**
- **Shape**
- **Surface area**
- **Surface chemistry**
- **Solubility**

# **Important of Traceability**

**- Preliminary Work on Inter-Laboratory Comparison -**



# NANOTECHNOLOGY

**One Measurement Accepted  
Everywhere**



# Nanoparticle Characterization - Supplementary Comparison on Nanoparticle Size

Organizer: Asia Pacific Metrology Programme (APMP) NIMT

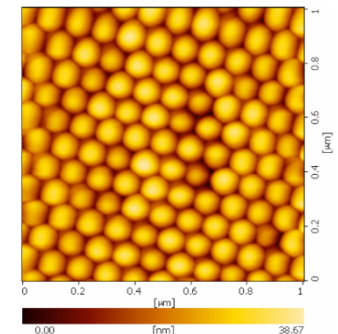
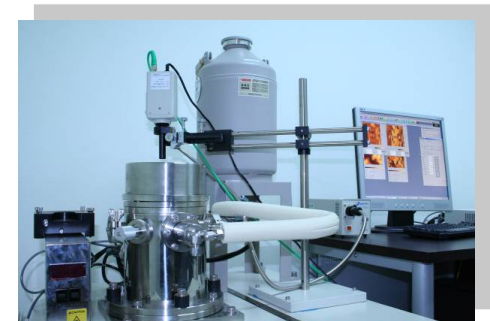
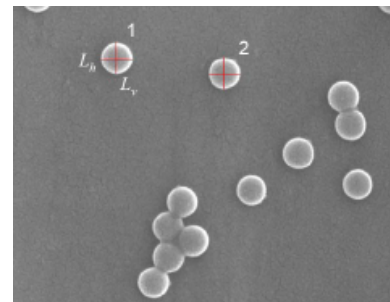
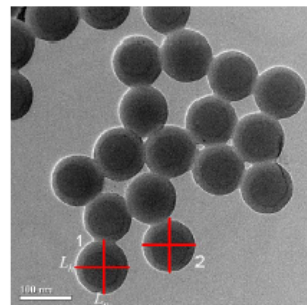
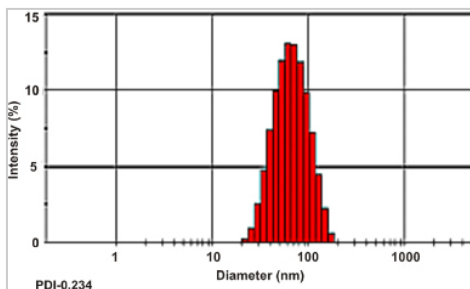
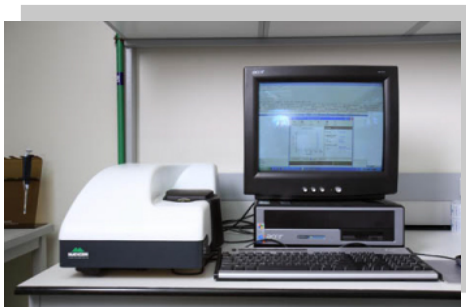
Reference Materials:

Gold Nanoparticle,  
Silver Nanoparticle,  
Polystyrene nanoparticles

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## Specific Measurements Instructions for DLS, TEM, SEM and AFM



# Comparison Results

## Inter-laboratory comparison on Nanoparticle Size Measurement (APMP.L-S5)

Organizer: Asia Pacific Metrology Programme (APMP)

### REFERENCE MATERIALS:

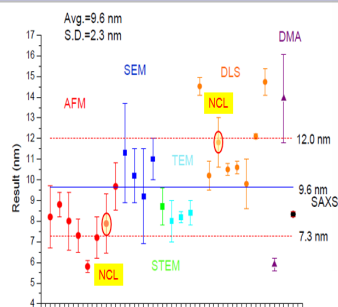
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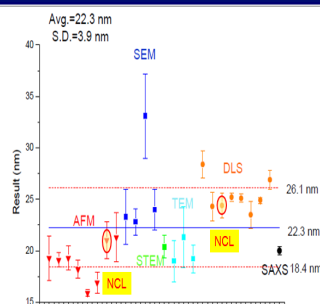


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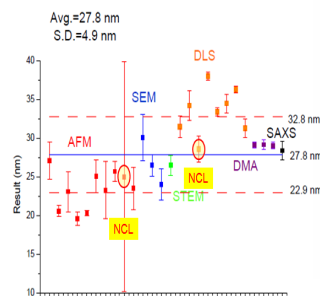
### Measurement results of – 10 nm Gold



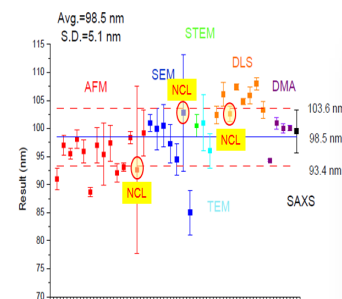
### Measurement results of – 20 nm Silver



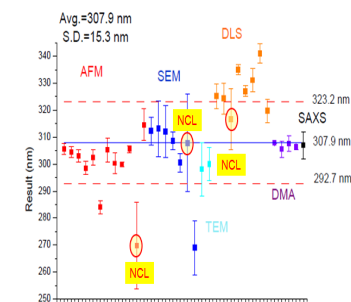
### Measurement results of – 30 nm PLS



### Measurement results of – 100 nm PLS



### Measurement results of – 300 nm PLS



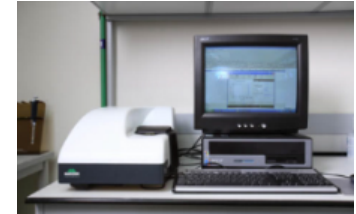
# **CERTIFICATION**

**- Best practices and experiences from THAILAND -**

# ISO/IEC 17025 Certification Categories



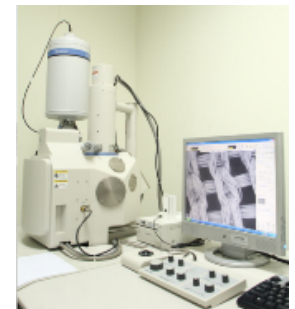
**Scope 1 :** Particle size analysis -Dynamic light Scattering (DLS)



**Scope 2 :** Plastics -Measurement of antibacterial activity on non-porous surfaces



**Scope 3 :** Particle size analysis – Image analysis by Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

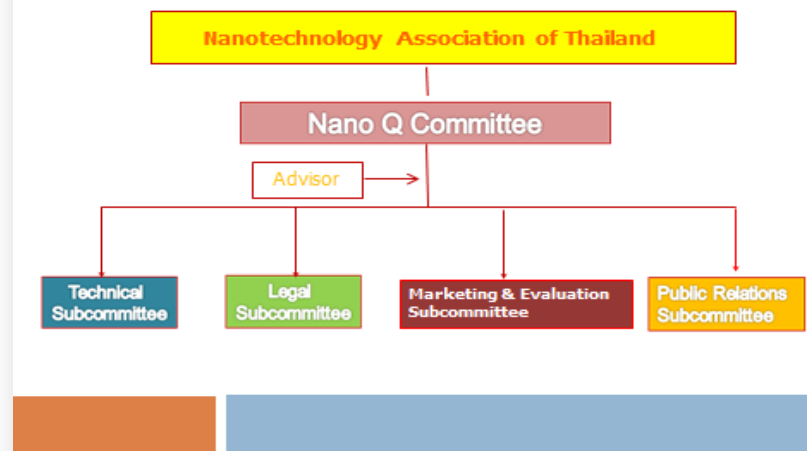


# VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION: Nano Q

- Nano Q is a certified quality mark for nano products which are certified by Nanotechnology Association of Thailand.
- **Motivation to Have Nano Q**
  - **Increase Public Trust:** Facilitate healthy development of nanotechnology
  - **Protect Consumer:** Avoid waste money
  - **Protect Good Companies:** Eliminate unfair competitions
  - **Facilitate Trade:** Stimulate economic growth



## Structure of Nano Q





# CRITERIA FOR PRODUCT CERTIFICATION (NANO Q)

Nano-enabled Products	Criteria			
	Proof of being nanoscale material	Functional test method	Specified Properties	Other requirements
Anti-bacterial textiles	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	AATCC 147, AATCC-100, 1. <i>S.aureus</i> 2. <i>E.coli</i>	Anti-bacteria >99.5% After 30 washed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDS</li> <li>• Site visiting</li> <li>• Manufacturing process</li> <li>• Quality system</li> <li>• User Instructions</li> <li>• Reliability</li> <li>• Disclaimer</li> </ul>
Anti-bacterial paints	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	JIS Z 2801, ISO 22196 1. <i>S.aureus</i> 2. <i>E.coli</i>	Anti-bacteria >90%	
Antibacterial plastic/ceramic	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	JIS Z 2801, ISO 22196 1. <i>S.aureus</i> 2. <i>E.coli</i>	Anti-bacteria >90%	
Water repellent textiles	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	AATCC-22 Spray Method	Contact angle > 100°	
Water repellent paints	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	Contact Angle Methods	Contact angle > 100°	
Water repellent plastic/ceramic	Final products & Raw materials (size 1 - 100 nm)	Contact Angle Methods	Contact angle > 100°	



The aseptic ambulance of Supremeproducts Co.,Ltd has received the first NanoQ label in Thailand.

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PRODUCTS CO.,LTD.



Anti-bacterial performance of nano-silver clay treated a ceiling inside an ambulance

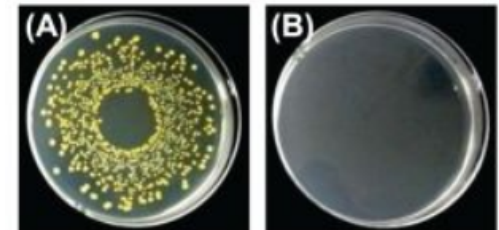
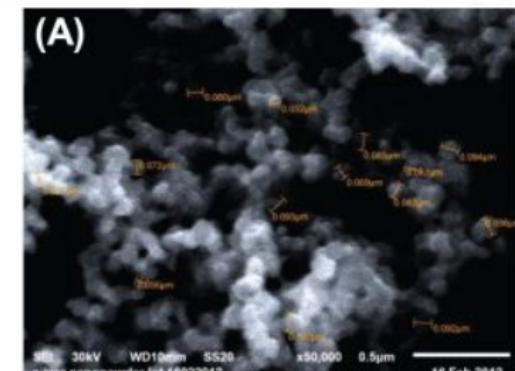


Figure 1 Antibacterial test for Staphylococcus aureus  
(A) Non-treated nano-silver clay  
(B) Treated nano-silver clay

# MANDATORY CERTIFICATION

## STANDARDS



## Thai Industrial Standards Institute

### Standardization of nanotechnology

- Nomenclature/terminology;
- Testing, measurement and characterization procedures
- Health / Safety / Environment
- Material specification
- Guidelines and good practices



Coordination of regulatory framework for nano-products

## FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (THAILAND)

### Pre-market approval

For products that require an FDA approval prior to introduction to the market.



### Post-market review

For these products, market entry and distribution are at the discretion of the manufacturer and FDA monitors the behavior of these products. Regulatory action is taken if adverse events occur.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION (THAILAND)

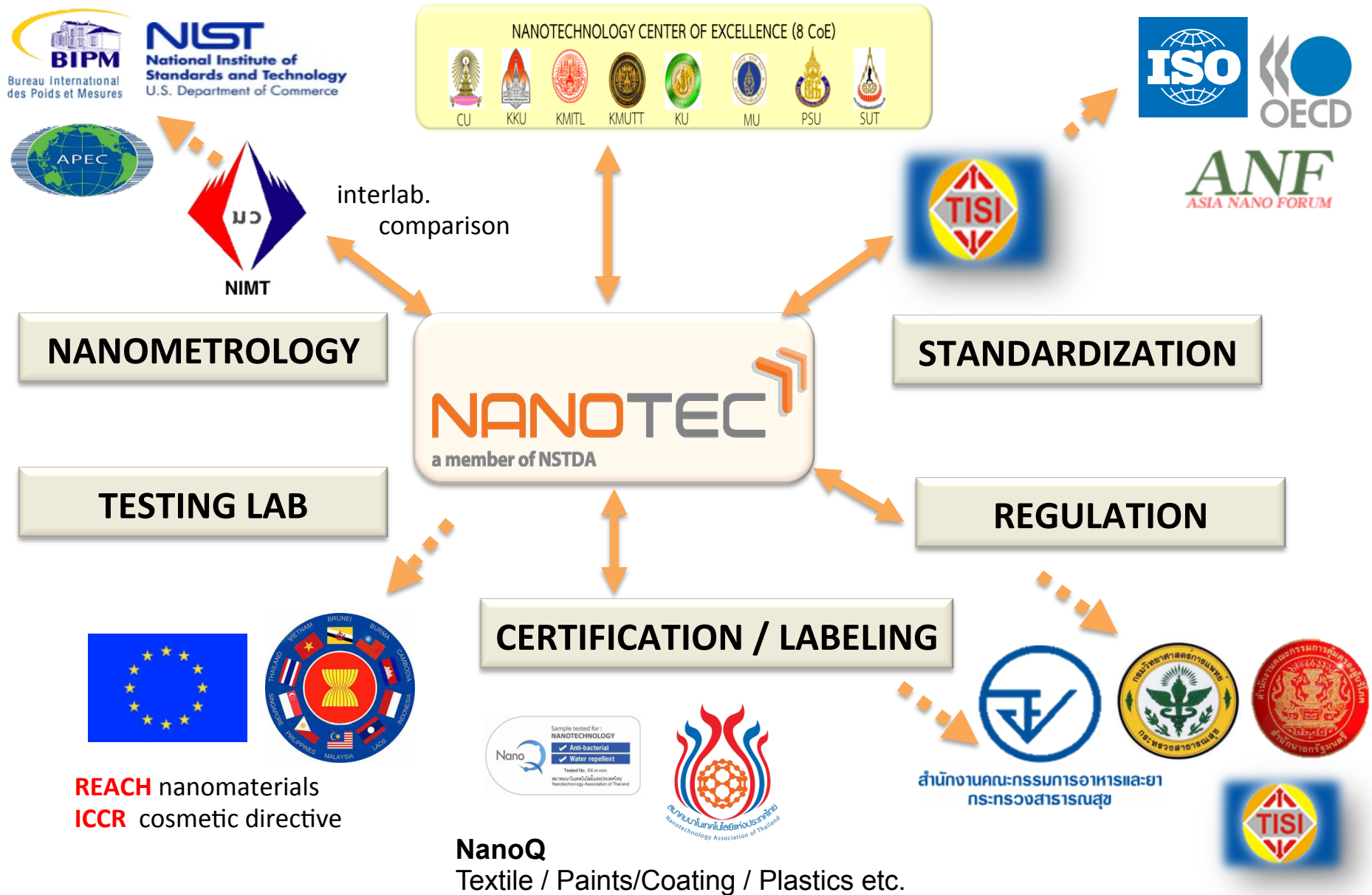
Permissible and mandatory labeling

- Truthful and not misleading
- Labeling must include material information conditions of use





# MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT





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