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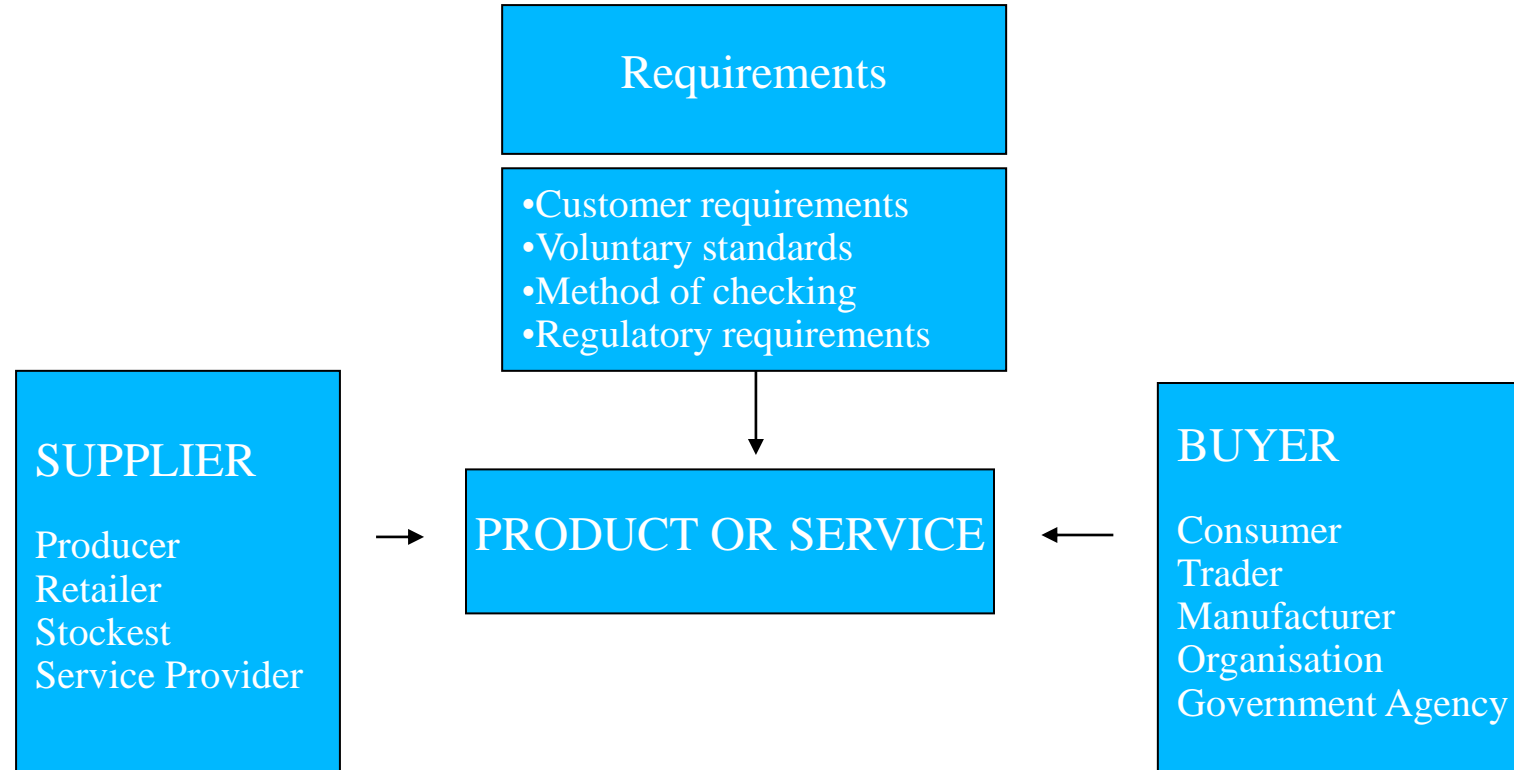
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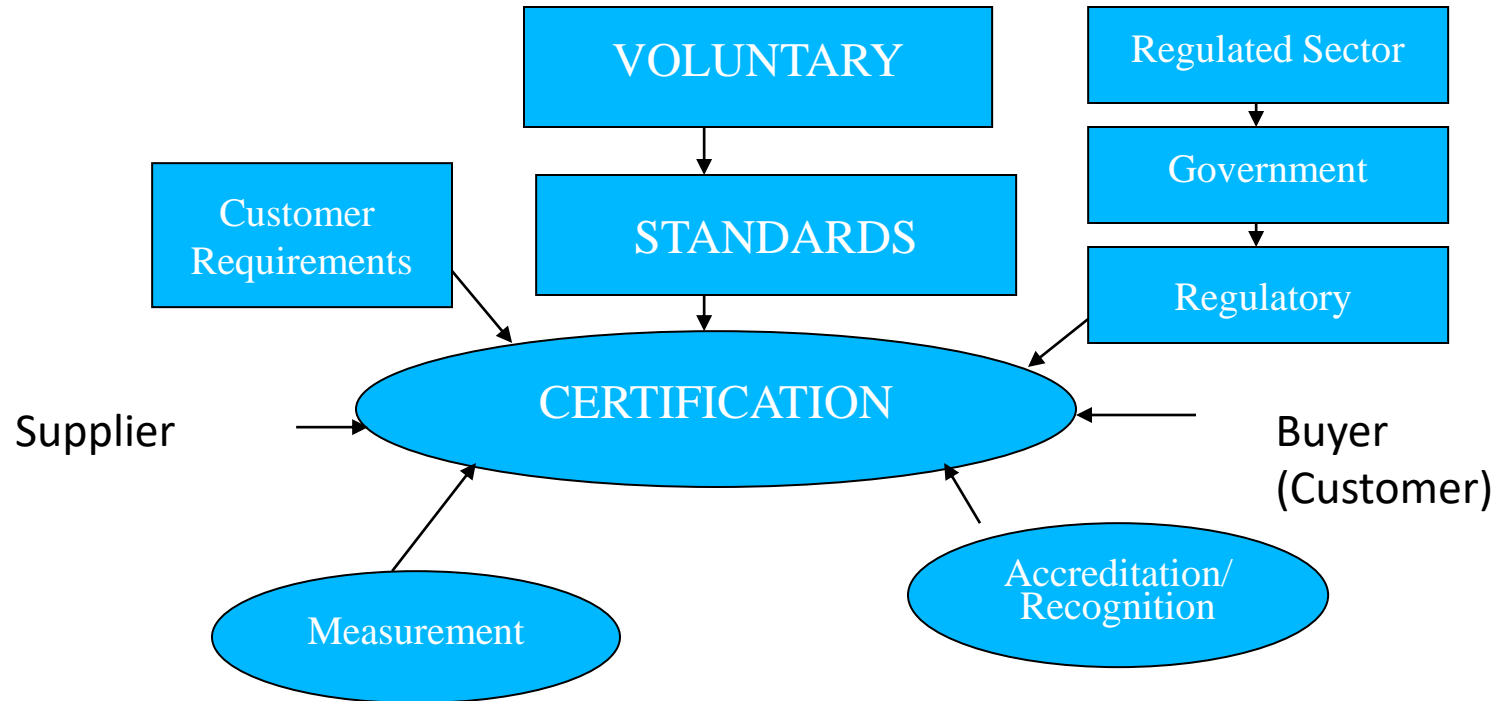
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SUPPLY CHAIN



CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT



Standards form the foundation of world trade

Types of standards

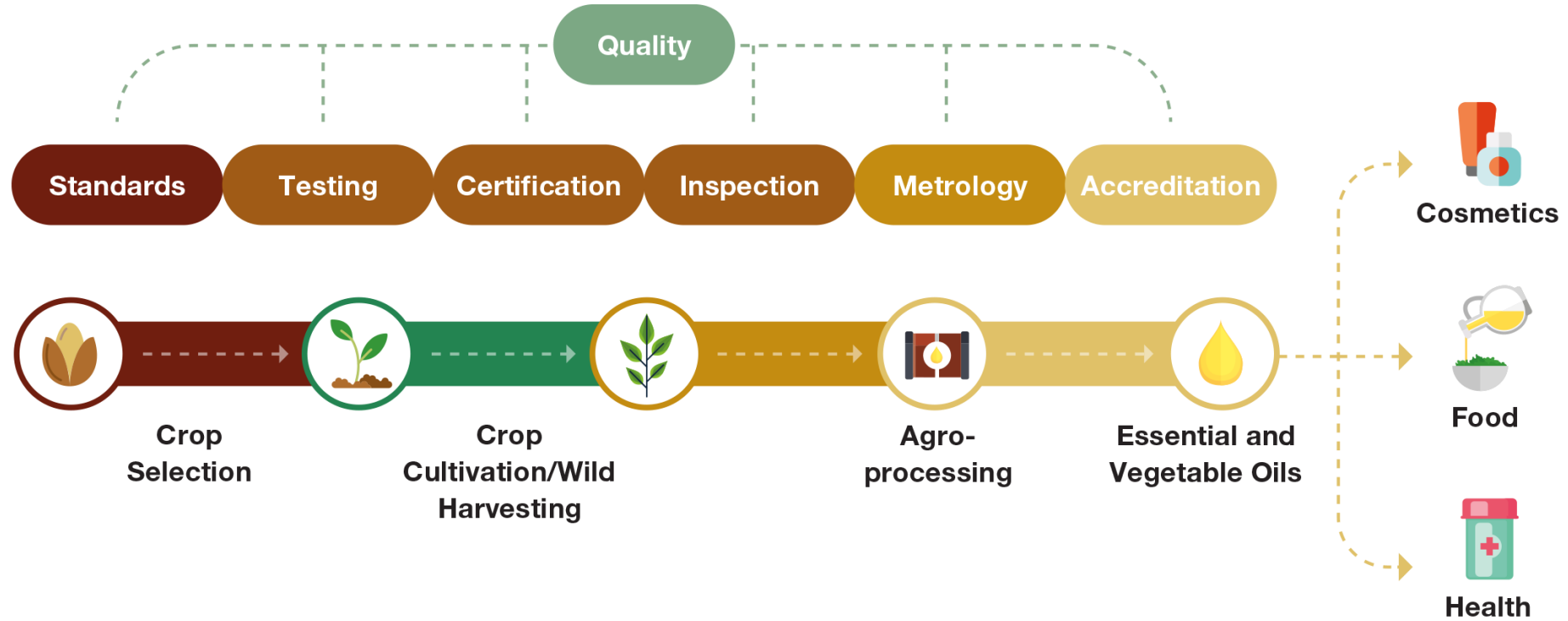
- Product Standards
- Management System Standards (e.g., ISO 9000 etc)
- Sector Specific Standards (e.g. medical devices)
- Private Standards
- Test methods (e.g. used for the physical and chemical profile of a product)
- Measurement (e.g. volume, mass etc)
- Labelling and prepackaging (a compulsory requirement)
- Conformity Assessment Bodies (e.g., inspection, certification, testing, accreditation)
- The list goes on

Question: Which standard to use?

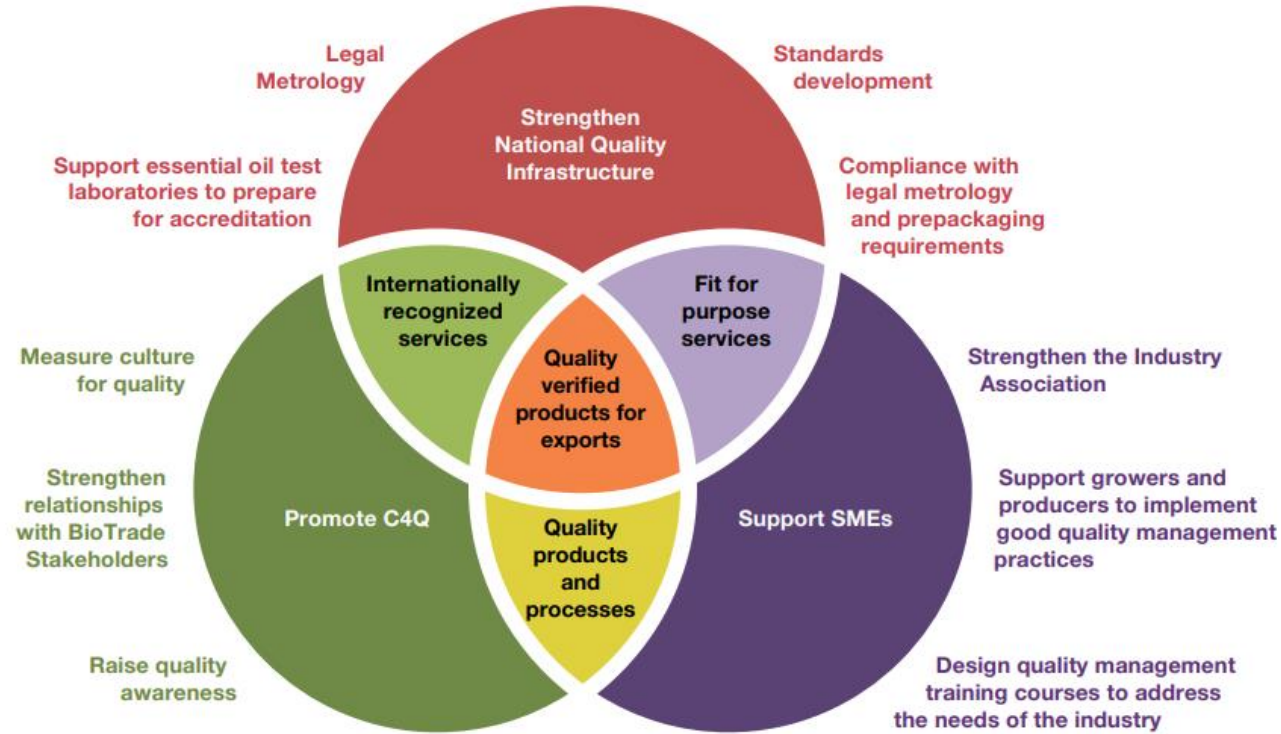
Answer: What is the product, who is the customer and where is the destination market?

- Regulatory requirements which must be complied with
- Standards which define the physical and chemical profile of the product
- Additional requirements set by buyer (COSMOS, ECOCERT organic standard, NATRUE, responsible sourcing etc)

Essential & Vegetable Oils Value Chain



The Ecosystem



Breaking into the export market – 2 types of relationships

- Reputation/brand (existing with a track record)
- Use of conformity assessment (e.g. test certificate, certification)(new entrant)



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Questions during Q & A session

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