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This report provides insights on the use of free trade agreements (FTAs) in ASEAN countries in 2013 based on the survey of 630 manufacturing firms and 182 services firms in ASEAN countries, excluding Brunei Darussalam. The survey was conducted by national think tanks between April and August 2013 across nine ASEAN countries. Considering the number of firms, we conducted a focus group discussion, instead of a survey, in Brunei Darussalam.

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