

- 2.2 When accreditation is not available under paragraph 2.1, or when special circumstances apply, the Designating Authority may require the Designated Conformity Assessment Bodies to demonstrate their competence through other means such as:
- (a) Participation in regional/international mutual recognition arrangements or certification systems;
 - (b) Regular peer evaluations;
 - (c) Proficiency testing; and
 - (d) Comparisons between test facilities.
- 2.3 The exporting Party shall assign to each designated testing laboratory a unique six-character identifier, consisting of two letters identifying the party which designated the testing laboratory, followed by four alpha-numeric characters.
- 2.4 The exporting Party shall notify the importing Party of any designation of a testing laboratory. This notice shall include: the testing laboratory's name, the unique six-character identifier, physical address, mailing address, contact person, contact person's telephone and telefax numbers and e-mail address, and the scope of the accreditation. The Designating Authority may issue this notice.
- 2.5 The exporting Party shall update each designation as necessary, for example, to revise the scope of a testing laboratory's accreditation. The Designating Authority may update the designation.
- 2.6 On receipt of a notification of a designation, the Regulatory Authority of the importing Party shall evaluate and make a determination on recognizing the designated testing laboratory under terms and conditions no less favourable than those accorded to the testing laboratories of the importing Party. Testing laboratories designated in accordance with Appendices A and B shall normally be recognized by the Parties.