

**APPENDIX A****GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DESIGNATED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITORS OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**

This Appendix sets out the general requirements for two categories of Conformity Assessment Bodies (testing laboratories and certification bodies) and the requirements for accreditors.

**A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The technical competence of Designated Conformity Assessment Bodies shall extend to the following areas:

- (a) Technological knowledge of the relevant equipment, processes and services;
- (b) Understanding of the technical regulations and the general protection requirements for which Designation is sought;
- (c) Knowledge relevant to the applicable technical regulations;
- (d) Practical capability to perform the relevant Conformity Assessment Procedures;
- (e) Adequate management of the Conformity Assessment Procedures concerned; and
- (f) Any other evidence necessary to give assurance that the Conformity Assessment Procedures shall be adequately performed on a consistent basis.