

*Article V***Civil Liability**

1. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to change or modify the law in the territory of any Party applicable to civil liability of manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, Conformity Assessment Bodies, Designating Bodies, Regulatory Authorities or governments, to consumers or among each other, in respect of the design, manufacture, testing, inspection, distribution or sale of products that have undergone conformity assessment pursuant to this Agreement.
2. The Parties agree that their respective Conformity Assessment Bodies are required to make adequate arrangements for liabilities arising from their operations and activities under this Agreement. The Parties, through the Joint Committee, shall from time to time consider whether their respective Conformity Assessment Bodies continue to meet that requirement and whether the interests of the Parties are adequately protected.
3. Canada, on the one hand, and each of the EEA EFTA States, on the other, shall promptly notify the other Party concerned of any suit or other proceedings threatened or commenced in its territory arising from or in connection with conformity assessment performed by a Conformity Assessment Body of the other Party concerned.
4. Canada, on the one hand, and each of the EEA EFTA States, on the other, shall cooperate with the other Party concerned in the investigation and defence of any suit or proceeding where the interests of either Party are at risk. In particular, the Parties concerned shall render reasonable assistance in obtaining relevant documents and access to material witnesses required in the investigation and defence of such suits or proceedings.

*Article VI***Designating Authorities**

1. Each Party shall ensure that the Designating Authorities responsible for designating the Conformity Assessment Bodies specified in the Sectoral Annexes shall have the necessary authority to designate, monitor, suspend and withdraw the designations of such Bodies.
2. In the case of suspension of a designation or removal of such a suspension, the Designating Authority of the Party concerned shall immediately inform the other Parties and the Joint Committee.
3. The Parties shall exchange information concerning the procedures used to ensure that their designated Conformity Assessment Bodies continue to comply with the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions of this Agreement.