

C. Evaluation of the Designation System

7. Once the designation systems to evaluate the capabilities of Conformity Assessment Bodies have been defined by each Party, the other Party may, in consultation with the Designating Authorities, check that the systems give sufficient assurance that the designation of the Conformity Assessment Bodies satisfies its requirements.

D. Formal Designation

8. Designating Authorities shall consult the Conformity Assessment Bodies within their jurisdiction in order to determine their willingness to be designated under the terms of this Agreement. Such consultation should include those Conformity Assessment Bodies who do not operate under the respective legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements of their own Party, but which may, nevertheless, be interested and capable of working to the legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements of the other Party.
9. Designating Authorities shall inform their Party's representatives on the Joint Sectoral Group, established under this Agreement, of the Conformity Assessment Bodies to be included in or withdrawn from Section XX of the Sectoral Annexes. Designation, suspension or withdrawal of designation of Conformity Assessment Bodies shall take place in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the rules of procedure of the Joint Sectoral Group.