

- 2.7 If the importing Party does not recognize a designated certification body the importing Party, within 60 days of the receipt of the Designation, shall provide the Designating Authority and the designated certification body of the exporting Party with an explanation of its decision, in writing.
- 2.8 When the Designating Authority and the designated certification body receive this explanation, they have 60 days to submit to the importing Party additional factual information that may resolve any concerns or to correct any deficiencies raised in that explanation.
- 2.9 With the consent of the Parties, any matters relating to the designation of a certification body may be referred to a review process accepted by both Parties.
- 2.10 Sub-contracting
- (a) In accordance with the provisions of sub-clause 4.4 of ISO/IEC Guide 65, a sub-contractor of a designated certification body may carry out all or part of equipment tests, including tests for a supplier. In accordance with the technical regulations of the importing Party, the testing laboratory shall be either accredited to ISO/IEC Standard 17025, or found by the certification body to be competent in accordance with ISO/IEC Standard 17025.
 - (b) When a subcontractor is used, the certification body remains responsible for the tests and shall continue to oversee the subcontractor to ensure that the test reports are reliable. Each Party shall require that this include periodic audits of equipment that has been tested.

3. Obligations of Designated Certification Bodies

A designated certification body shall publish and maintain a list of equipment certifications and, on a request by a Party, shall identify all equipment certified by that designated certification body in accordance with that Party's technical regulations. The Designating Authority that designated the certification body shall fulfill this request.