

4. The following procedure shall apply to the inclusion in or withdrawal from a Sectoral Annex of a Conformity Assessment Body:
 - a) a Party designating or withdrawing designation of a Conformity Assessment Body shall forward its proposal in writing to the other Party;
 - b) in the event that the other Party consents to the proposal or upon the expiry of 60 days without an objection having been made, the inclusion in or withdrawal from the Sectoral Annex of the Conformity Assessment Body shall take effect; and
 - c) in the event that the other Party challenges the technical competence or compliance of a proposed Conformity Assessment Body within the said 60-day period, the Joint Committee may request the proposing Party to carry out a verification, which may include an audit, of the Body concerned, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII:

Joint Sectoral Groups

1. The Joint Committee may establish Joint Sectoral Groups for individual Sectoral Annexes comprising the appropriate Designating and Regulatory authorities and experts of the Parties. These groups will address the specific conformity assessment and regulatory issues related to a given sector.
2. The responsibility of the Joint Sectoral Groups may include the following:
 - a) at the request of a Party, to examine specific problems arising in the implementation of any transitional plans for mutual recognition and to give advisory opinions to the Joint Committee on issues of mutual concern;
 - b) furnish information and advice on any matters relating to implementation, and on the regulations, procedures and conformity assessment system related to a particular Annex, as may be requested by a Party;
 - c) review various aspects of the implementation and operation of each Sectoral Annex, including health and, safety aspects.
 - d) consider issues of interpretation of requirements in the Sectoral Annexes, and where appropriate to make recommendations to the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE XIII:

Sectoral Contact Point, Management of Information, Assistance and Emergency Action

1. Each Party shall appoint and confirm in writing the names and addresses of Contact Points to be responsible for activities under each Sectoral Annex.
2. Communications regarding confidence-building activities, emergency actions and regulatory enforcement for products subject to this Agreement, will normally be handled directly by the Sectoral Contact Points.