

own technical regulation for network protection, electromagnetic interference and other purposes, and certificates and marks are issued to the products that conform to the technical regulation. An MRA stipulates conditions under which the results of conformity assessment done in an exporting country will be accepted by the importing country.

As economic globalization progresses, implementing mutual recognition is increasingly important for promoting trade and facilitating a borderless business environment. With the rapid development in information technologies, there is an increased demand from industries for MRAs in this area. Responding to these voices, Canada and Japan have respectively concluded MRAs for telecommunications equipment with other countries and regions.

In the case of Canada and Japan, at the private sector consultations of both countries, mutual recognition on the results of conformity assessment for telecommunications equipment was pointed out as a potential option to strengthen the bilateral economic relationship. Canada and Japan are advanced countries in the area of information and communications technologies; thus their markets have high potential to become more attractive to each other as a result of MRA. Considering the characteristics of each economy, and based on experiences with other countries, a bilateral MRA in telecommunications equipment would help boost trade between Canada and Japan.