

7.2 Parties shall ensure that certification systems are formulated and applied so as to grant access for suppliers of like products originating in the territories of other Parties under conditions no less favourable than those accorded to suppliers of like products of national origin or originating in any other country, including the determination that such suppliers are able and willing to fulfil the requirements of the system. Access for suppliers is obtaining certification from an importing Party under the rules of the system. Access for suppliers also includes receiving the mark of the system, if any, under conditions no less favourable than those accorded to suppliers of like products of national origin or originating in any other country.

7.3 Parties shall:

- 7.3.1 publish a notice in a publication at an early appropriate stage, in such a manner as to enable interested parties to become acquainted with it, that they propose to introduce a certification system;
- 7.3.2 notify the GATT secretariat of the products to be covered by the proposed system together with a brief description of the objective of the proposed system;
- 7.3.3 upon request provide, without discrimination, to other Parties particulars or copies of the proposed rules of the system;
- 7.3.4 allow, without discrimination, reasonable time for other Parties to make comments in writing on the formulation and operation of the system, discuss the comments upon request and take them into account.

7.4 However, where urgent problems of safety, health, environmental protection or national security arise or threaten to arise for a Party, that Party may omit such of the steps enumerated in Article 7, paragraph 3 as it finds necessary provided that the Party, upon adoption of the certification system, shall:

- 7.4.1 notify immediately the other Parties through the GATT secretariat of the particular certification system and the products covered, with a brief indication of the objective and the rationale of the certification system including the nature of the urgent problems;
- 7.4.2 upon request provide, without discrimination, other Parties with copies of the rules of the system;