

When a Conformity Assessment Body seeks designation to evaluate a particular product, process or service for compliance with essential requirements, the accreditation process shall incorporate elements which will permit assessment of the capability (technological knowledge and understanding of the generally stated risk protection requirements of the product, process or service or their use) of the Conformity Assessment Body to evaluate compliance with those essential requirements.

(b) Other means

When appropriate accreditation is not available or when special circumstances apply, the Designating Authorities shall require the Conformity Assessment Bodies to demonstrate their capabilities through other means such as:

- participation in regional/international mutual recognition arrangements or certification systems;
- regular peer evaluations;
- proficiency testing; and
- comparisons between Conformity Assessment Bodies.