

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; and
 - (d) consider issues of interpretation of requirements in the Sectoral Annexes, and where appropriate to make recommendations to the Joint Committee.