

2. Where the Joint Committee, either on its own initiative or on a recommendation from the relevant sectoral group, comes to the conclusion that verification of technical competence or compliance of a Conformity Assessment Body operating in the territory of one of the Parties is required, it will be carried out in a timely manner by the Party in whose territory the Body in question is located, or by the Parties jointly if they agree. The Party may seek the assistance of its Designating Authority in carrying out the verification.
3. Unless decided otherwise by the Joint Committee, the contested Conformity Assessment Body will be suspended by the competent Designating Authority from the time that a disagreement over the status of that body has been confirmed in the Joint Committee. The body in question shall remain suspended until agreement has been reached in the Joint Committee on the future status of that Body.
4. A certificate of conformity or other documentation for a product issued by a Conformity Assessment Body, that is subsequently removed by the Joint Committee or Designating Authority, shall remain valid unless there is a specific decision by the appropriate Regulatory Authority based on health and safety considerations for the removal of the product from the market.

## ARTICLE IX

### EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The Parties shall exchange information concerning the implementation of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions identified in the Sectoral Annexes.