

- (f) the certification body shall also participate in any reasonable consultation activities identified by the regulatory authority of the importing Party, in order to establish a common understanding and interpretation of applicable regulations. Designated certification bodies shall continue to participate in such consultative activities after they are designated.
- 2.2 The exporting Party shall assign to each designated certification body a unique six-character identifier, consisting of two letters identifying the party which designated the certification body, followed by four alphanumeric characters.
- 2.3 The exporting Party shall notify the importing Party of any designation of a certification body. This notice shall include: the certification body's name, the unique six-character identifier, physical address, mailing address, contact person, contact person's telephone and telefax numbers and e-mail address, and the scope of the accreditation. The Designating Authority may issue this notice.
- 2.4 The exporting Party shall update each designation as necessary, for example, to revise the scope of a certification body's accreditation. The Designating Authority may update the designation.
- 2.5 On receipt of a notification of a designation, the Regulatory Authority of the importing Party shall evaluate and make a determination on recognizing the designated certification body under terms and conditions no less favourable than those accorded to the certification bodies of the importing Party. Certification bodies designated in accordance with Appendices A and C shall normally be recognized by the Parties.
- 2.6 If there is a concern that must be resolved before a certification body can be recognized, the importing Party may request a complete copy of the evaluation report prepared by the exporting Party for the purposes of designating the certification body. The exporting Party shall forward this within 30 days of receiving the request. The confidentiality provisions of Article 12 of this Agreement apply to evaluation reports.