

BEARING in mind the close relationship of both Parties with the EC and the EFTA/EEA Member States,

BEARING in mind their status as Parties to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation and conscious in particular of their obligations under the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I:

Definitions

General terms concerning conformity assessment used in this Agreement and its annexes shall have the meaning given in the definitions contained in Guide 2 (1996 edition) of the International Organisation for Standardisation and the International Electrotechnical Commission, unless specifically defined otherwise in this Agreement and its Sectoral Annexes. In addition, the following terms and definitions shall apply to this Agreement:

- a) Agreement means the Framework Agreement and all the Sectoral Annexes;
- b) Conformity Assessment means systematic examination to determine the extent to which a product, process or service fulfils specified requirements;
- c) Conformity Assessment Body means a body engaged in the performance of procedures for determining whether the relevant requirements in technical regulations or standards are fulfilled.
- d) Designating Authority means a body with power to designate, monitor, suspend designation or withdraw designation of Conformity Assessment Bodies under its jurisdiction.
- e) Designation means the authorization by a Designating Authority of a Conformity Assessment Body to perform conformity assessment activities.
- f) Regulatory Authority means a government agency or other entity, that exercises a legal right to control the use or sale of products within a Party's jurisdiction, and may take enforcement action to ensure that products marketed within its jurisdiction comply with legal requirements.

In the event of an inconsistency between ISO/IEC Guide 2 and definitions in this Agreement or its Annexes, the definition in this Agreement shall prevail.

ARTICLE II:

General Obligations

1. The Sectoral Annexes to this Framework Agreement constitute integral parts of this Agreement.