

ing self-certification, test methods and results, and certificates or marks of conformity employed in the territory of the exporting Party, in particular in the case of perishable products or of other products which are liable to deteriorate in transit.

5.3 Parties ensure that test methods and administrative procedures used by central government bodies are such as to permit, so far as practicable, the implementation of the provisions in Article 5, paragraph 2.

5.4 Nothing in this Article shall prevent Parties from carrying out reasonable spot checks within their territories.

Article 6

Determination by local government bodies and non-governmental bodies of conformity with technical regulations or standards

6.1 Parties shall take such reasonable measures as may be available to them to ensure that local government bodies and non-governmental bodies within their territories comply with the provisions of Article 5. In addition, Parties shall not take measures which have the effect of, directly or indirectly, requiring or encouraging such bodies to act in a manner inconsistent with any of the provisions of Article 5.

CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Article 7

Certification systems operated by central government bodies

With respect to their central government bodies:

7.1 Parties shall ensure that certification systems are not formulated or applied with a view to creating obstacles to international trade. They shall likewise ensure that neither such certification systems themselves nor their application have the effect of creating unnecessary obstacles to international trade.