

- (d) determining the status of Conformity Assessment Bodies whose technical competence has been contested;
 - (e) exchanging information and notifying the Parties of modifications of legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions referred to in the Sectoral Annexes; and
 - (f) addressing any questions relating to the operation of this Agreement and its Sectoral Annexes, including questions related to health and safety, market access and the balance of rights and obligations under the Agreement.
4. The following procedure shall apply to the inclusion in or withdrawal from a Sectoral Annex of a Conformity Assessment Body:
- (a) a Party designating or withdrawing designation of a Conformity Assessment Body shall forward its proposal in writing to the other Party;
 - (b) in the event that the other Party consents to the proposal or upon the expiry of 60 days without an objection having been made, the inclusion in or withdrawal from the Sectoral Annex of the Conformity Assessment Body shall take effect; and
 - (c) in the event that the other Party challenges the technical competence or compliance of a proposed Conformity Assessment Body within the said 60-day period, the Joint Committee may request the proposing Party to carry out a verification, which may include an audit, of the Body concerned, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.