

- (b) the type testing shall normally be based on testing of a maximum of one unmodified representative sample of each equipment type for which certification is sought. Additional samples may be requested if they are clearly necessary for technical regulatory purposes, for instance when a test renders a sample inoperative. According to generally accepted conformity assessment practices, all samples, components and parts shall be returned to the supplier unless the supplier has otherwise requested in writing;
- (c) the certification body shall, by means of accreditation, demonstrate expert knowledge of the technical regulations for each equipment type identified in Annex I of Phase II of this Agreement, as well as demonstrate interpretations and policies for each equipment type with respect to which the certification body seeks Designation;
- (d) the certification body shall have the technical expertise and capability to test the equipment that it certifies, in order to ensure that the certification body has up-to-date technical competence, knowledge and expertise to evaluate the test data, and test reports, and to reach the appropriate conclusion in conformity assessment work with respect to applicable technical regulations. Alternatively, the certification body may enter into contractual arrangements with designated testing laboratories so that the personnel of the certification body has access to personnel and facilities able to carry out the required testing and so that the personnel can oversee and supervise the testing in order to maintain up-to-date expertise and understanding of the applicable technical regulations;
- (e) the certification body shall demonstrate, through assessment, general competence, efficiency, experience, and familiarity with technical regulations and equipment included in those technical regulations as well as through conformity with applicable parts of the ISO/IEC Standard 17025 and Guide 65. The certification body shall also demonstrate that it is able to identify situations that call for interpretations of the technical regulations or Conformity Assessment Procedures. The appropriate key certification personnel shall know which officials of the importing Party they have to contact to obtain current and correct technical regulation interpretations; and