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**REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS**

Mutual recognition agreements in the UNECE Region

This paper contains information on mutual recognition agreements negotiated by UNECE member States. It is recalled that at its thirteenth session the Working Party proposed an information exchange on the state of play regarding mutual recognition agreements in force between member countries in the UNECE region, inter alia, with regard to the enlargement of the European Union.

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This paper is presented to delegates for information, discussion and possible future action. It is reproduced in the form in which it was received by the secretariat.

Introduction

This paper aims at establishing an inventory of the mutual recognition agreements negotiated and concluded by UNECE member States in the field of technical standards and regulations, and conformity assessment procedures. In the field of conformity assessment, it covers acceptance of reports, certificates, authorisations and conformity marks. Its scope is limited to agreements signed at a governmental level, either between governments, administrations or agencies. It may include bilateral, regional, multi-lateral agreements as well as unilateral agreements.

It is suggested that the Working Party invite UNECE member States to complete or update the following template:

Inventory of mutual recognition agreements, updated situation on 2 November 2004

COUNTRIES	TITLE OF THE AGREEMENT	SCOPE	CONTRACTING PARTIES	(S): DATE-SIGNATURE (E): DATE-ENFORCEMENT	SECTORS/PRODUCTS	ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS (e.g. Web site addresses, official journal)
ALBANIA						
ANDORRA						
ARMENIA						
AZERBAIDJAN						
BELARUS						
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA						
BULGARIA	Ongoing negotiation of a PECA agreement, in the framework of joining EU					
CANADA						
CROATIA						
EFTA COUNTRIES: (ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, NORWAY)						
EUROPEAN UNION (25 members - Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom)						http://europa.eu.int/ comm/enterprise/ international/indexb1.htm
	1) bilateral Mutual recognition agreement (MRA)	Conformity assessment, Certificates and marking	AUSTRALIA	(S): 24.06.1998 (E): 01.01.1999	8 sectors (GMP; medical devices, telecom, electrical security, EMC, machine tools, pressure vessels, motor vehicles)	EC OJ L229 of 17.08.1998

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			NEW ZEALAND	(S): 26.06.1999 (E): 01.01.1999	7 sectors (GMP; medical devices, telecom, electrical safety, EMC, machine tools, pressure vessels)	EC OJ L229 of 17.08.1998
			UNITED STATES	(S): 18.05.1998 (E): 01.11.1998 (confidence building period not achieved for the annexes of medical devices and GMP; implementation suspended for the electrical security annex since 28.01.2003)	6 sectors (telecom, EMC, electrical safety, recreational craft, medical devices, GMP)	EC OJ L31 of 04.02.1999
			CANADA	(S): 14.05.1998 (E): 01.11.1998 (confidence building period not achieved for the sector of medical devices)	6 sectors (telecom, EMC, electrical safety, recreational craft, medical devices, GMP)	EC OJ L280 of 16.10.1998
			JAPAN	(S): 04.04.2001 (E): 01.01.2002		EC OJ L284 of 29.10.2001
			SWITZERLAND	(S): 21.06.1999	15 sectors: machinery, personal protective equipment, toys, medical devices, gas appliances and boilers, pressure vessels, telecom, APEX equipment, electrical safety, construction plant and equipment, measuring instrument and prepackages, motor vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors, GLP, GMP	EC OJ L114 of 30.04.2002

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	2) Good laboratory practises (GLP)		ISRAEL	(S): 17.07.1999 (E): 01.05.2000	e.g. medicinal products, cosmetics and chemical products	ECOJ L263 of 09/10/1999
	3) Protocols to the Europe Agreements (PECA and ACAA))	<u>Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products</u>	CZECH REPUBLIC , ESTONIA , HUNGARY , LATVIA , LITUANIA , MALTA , SLOVAK REPUBLIC , SLOVENIA	Between 2001-2003 Termination date: 01.05.2004	"Acquis communautaire"	
	4) Equivalency agreement		UNITED STATES	(S): 27.02.2004 (E): 01.07.2004	Marine equipment	
	5) Agreements between CEEC candidate countries					
ISRAEL						
KAZAKHSTAN						
KYRGYSTAN						
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA						
Romania	Ongoing negotiation of a PECA agreement in the framework of joining EU					

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION						
SAN MARINO						
SERBIA MONTENEGRO						
SWITZERLAND						
TAJIKISTAN						
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV OF MACEDONIA						
TURKEY						
TURKMENISTAN						
UKRAINE						
UNITED STATES						
UZBEKISTAN						

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