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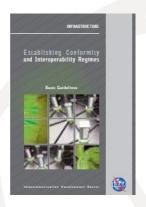
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ITU C&I Programme: Guidelines

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Establishing
Conformity
and Interoperability
Regimes – Basic
Guidelines



Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of mutual recognition arrangements/agreements (MRAs) on conformity assessment



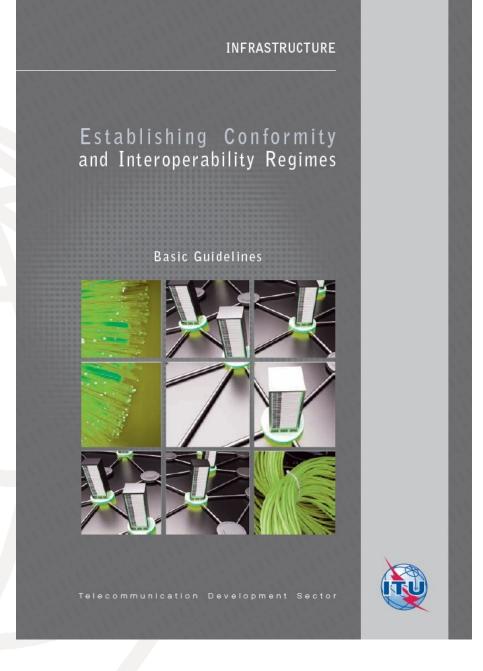
Guidelines for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions



Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre

1. Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes

Basic Guidelines





C&I Guidelines

Guidelines for establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes for Developing Countries (2014)

Typical procedures used worldwide are going to be addressed. Any country may use as guidelines and tailoring/adapting such procedures to the existing national regulation and rules:

- A. Query for new products to be homologated (accepted)
- **B.** Import procedures for testing proposals
- c. Reference Standards for conformance testing
- D. Issuing and validating the Type Approval Certificate
- E. Homologation (acceptance)
- F. Suspension and Withdrawal of the Homologation Certificate
- **G. Performing the Tests and Test Reports acceptance**
- н. Conformance Assessment Management System
- I. Monitoring, Enforcement, Counterfeit, Sanctions and Post-Market Surveillance

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- Development and review of regulatory framework and roadmap for the establishment of C&I regimes
- Definition and publication of ICT reference standards
- Accreditation, recognition and acceptance of laboratories and qualified professional

Conformity: different perspectives

- Service providers and operators specify standards and specifications for equipment and systems which they employ to provide services to their customers.
- National regulators mandate regulations, standards and specifications for equipment and systems which are deployed and used in their territories.
- Users of the equipment and systems along with the service providers and national regulators require evidence and proof that the equipment and systems conform to the appropriate standards and specifications and to the extent that they interoperate with each other as specified.
- The process used to obtain the evidence and proof is called conformity assessment – the demonstration that specified requirements relating to a product, process, system, person or body are fulfilled

Conformance of ICT equipment and systems to standards and homologation process



National Rules

- A
- B
- •C, ..

Regional Rules

- X
- •Y
- Z,...

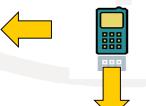
International Rules

- Interoperab.
- EMC
- Etc.

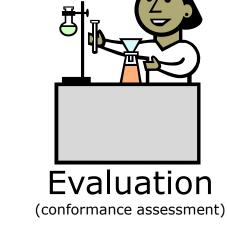
Regulator and Conformance Assessment of ICT equipment

- •Laws
- Regulations
- Safety of users
- Interoperability
- Competition
- Limited resources





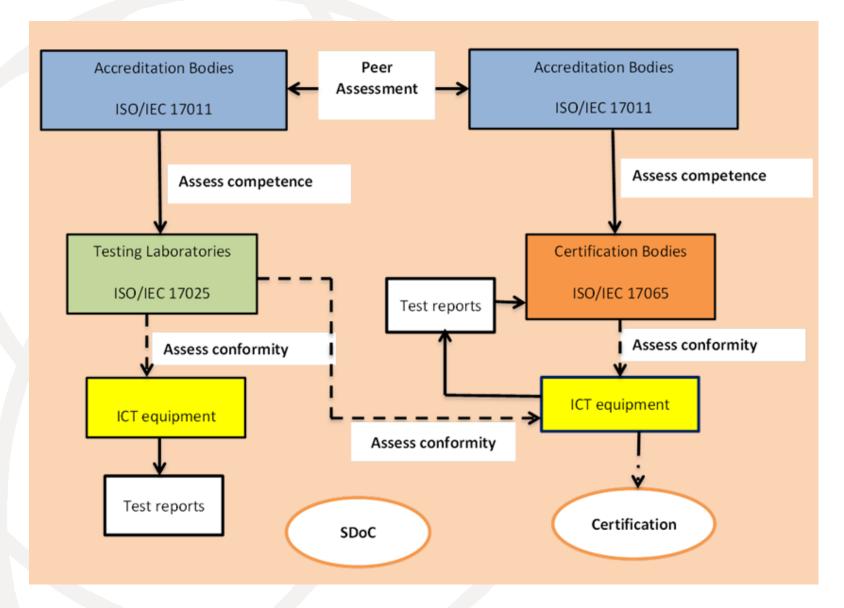




ICT - Global market (users)

Conformity Assessment Regimes





ITU/IEC 17000 Series: Conformity Assessment

- 17000:2004 Vocabulary and general principles
- 17001:2005 Impartiality Principles and requirements
- 17002:2004 Confidentiality Principles and requirements
- 17003:2004 Complaints and appeals Principles and requirements
- 17004:2005 Disclosure of Information Principles and requirements
- 17005:2008 Use of Management systems Principles and requirements
- 17007:2009 Guidelines for drafting normative documents suitable for use for conformity assessment
- 17011:2004 Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies
- 17020:2012 Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection
- 17021:2011 Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems
- 17024:2012 General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons
- 17025:2005- General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
- 17030:2003 General requirements for third-party marks of conformity
- 17040:2005 General requirements for peer assessment of conformity assessment bodies and accreditation bodies
- 17043:2005 General requirements for proficiency testing
- 17050-1:2007 Supplier's declaration of conformity Part 1: General requirements
- 17050-2:2007- Supplier's declaration of conformity Part 2: Supporting document
- 17065:2012 Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services
- 17067:2013 Fundamentals of product certification and guidelines for product certification schemes

Regulatory framework and roadmap for establishing C&I regimes

- A telecommunication act reflects the policy of the sovereign state in question and can include a clear statement of the underlying policy. This statement would cover such elements as:
 - reliable and affordable telecommunication services of high quality;
 - highlighted role of telecommunications to enhance efficiency and competitiveness;
 - efficient and effective regulation where required;
 - responsiveness to the economic and social requirements of users of telecommunication services;
 - international telecommunication services and licenses;
- □ Telecommunication apparatus and administration:
 - application to apparatus subject to regulation;
 - government powers and exercise of powers;
 - certification and marking;
 - appeals and evidence;
 - regulations including fees and mandatory requirements.
- Investigation and enforcement:
 - administrative and monetary penalties;
 - inspection and market surveillance;
 - civil liability

Conformance Assessment Procedures

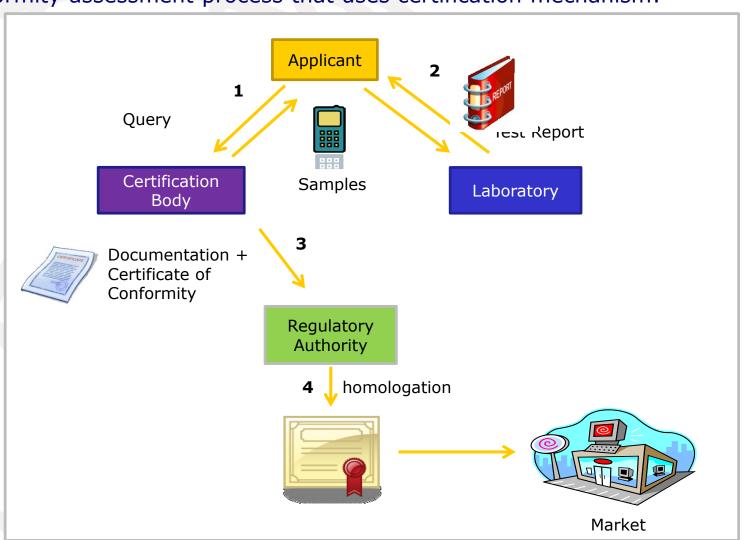
Procedures for establishing a conformance assessment regime may include the following procedures:

- A. Query for new products to be homologated
- B. D. Import procedures for testing proposals
- c. Reference Standards for conformity assessment
- D. Test, Recognized Laboratories, Test Reports
- **E.** Issuing and/or validating a Certificate of Conformity
- F. Issue of the Homologation (or acceptance)
- **G. Suspension and Withdrawal of the Homologation Certificate**
- **H. Monitoring, Enforcement, and Sanctions and Post-Market Surveillance**

Regulatory Aspects Conformance assessment procedures



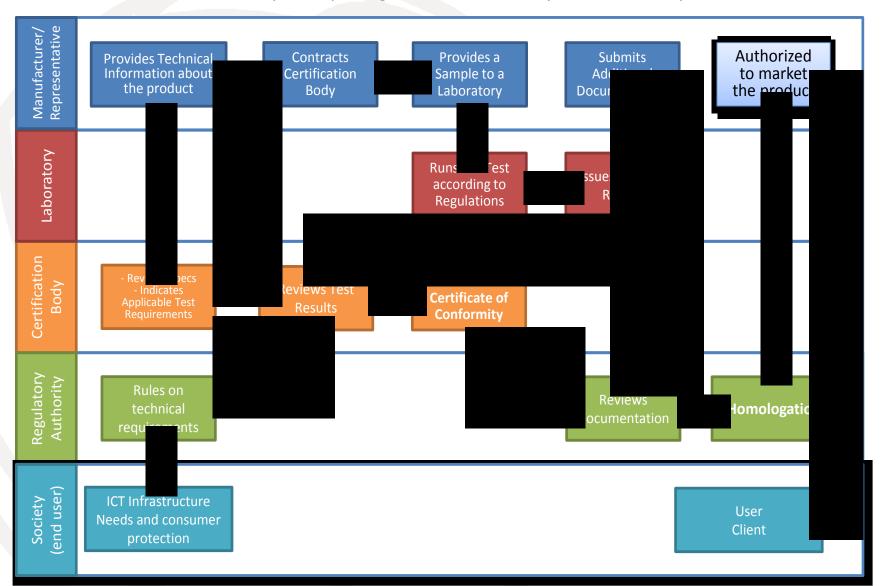
Example of interactions that may exist among the entities participating in a conformity assessment process that uses certification mechanism:



Procedures for Establishing Conformity Assessment Regimes (cont.)



Another example of interactions that may exist among the entities participating in the conformity assessment process



Conformance Assessment Procedures



Fees

- Assessment and reassessment fee
- Technical expertise fee
- Listing fees
- Registration fees
- Payment of fees



- Sub-category of equipment has specific mandatory technical specifications as part of the regulatory requirements which must be met in order to be deployed in the marketplace
- These standards are developed primarily in accordance with decisions made and ratified in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) combined with regional, national and industry standards requirements and are therefore a complex and very complete set of requirements which are vitally important to an interference free and safe environment for ICT products:





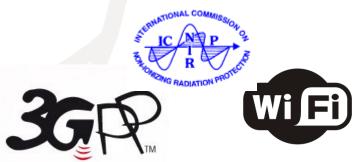




A number of regional standards bodies serving specific regional policies, regulations and requirements are heavily engaged in development and promulgation of the product standards and include the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, USA Telecommunications Industry Association, and various important forums and consortia such as 3GPP









The next table gives an example of international standards, regional standards and forum and consortia standards that may be used by some countries

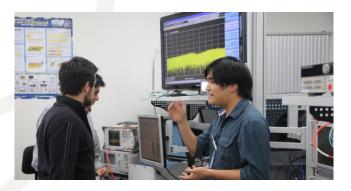
Category	Product	Standard	Technical Requirement
	Mobile	3GPP	Power; frequency stability, frequency in-band emission.
	Fiix Telephone	CEI	Power; frequency stability, frequency in-band emission.
	PABX	Rec. UIT-T G.711.Rec. UIT-T Q.921.	Protocols
User equipment	Charge and power adapter	Rec. UIT-T L.1000	Power, energy efficiency, eco-environment specifications
	Personal area communication	Allocation of national frequencies	Gain, transmission power, bandwidth, frequency stability.
	Residential optical unit	UIT-T G.984	Power; frequency stability, frequency in-band emission, SAR limits.
	UTP cable	ISO/CEI 11801	Return Loss, FEXT, NEXT, bandwidth
	Mobile - Broadband base station	ETSI	Gain, transmission power, bandwidth.
	AnteNna	ETSI	Radiation Diagram, Gain, VSWR.
RTTE	Broadcast transmitter	ETSI	Gain, transmission power, frequency width.
	Earth station equipment / VSAT	juipment ETSI Gain, transmis	Gain, transmission power, bandwidth
	Transmission equipment	Rec. UIT-T G.707	Protocols
Network equipment	Network switches and routers.	MPLS - G.8121 Ethernet - G.8021 TVIP - H.62X	Protocols
	Cables ISO/CEI 1180	ISO/CEI 11801	Return Loss, FEXT, NEXT, bandwidth
	IPVT	Rec. UIT-T	See Standard
Electromagnetic Compatibility	All equipment	Rec. UIT-T K.48	Radiated spurious emission, conducted spurious emission, resistibility
Safety	All equipment	Rec. UIT-T K.21	Electrical chock protection, fire protection, overcurrent protection



Terminal equipment: Technical specifications/standards list

In some countries the standard provides technical requirements for:

- connection of terminal equipment to public networks
- hearing aid compatibility with handsets.
- compliance specifications for terminal equipment, terminal systems and network protection devices





Specific absorption rate (SAR)

Specialized measurement systems have been developed to permit determination of the SAR value of a given product or system in order to assess compliance with the definitions of limits set by different SDOs (e.g. IRCNIRP)



List of ICT equipment requiring conformity assessment



Examples:

Equipment that must meet technical standards

Types of Equipments

Radio apparatus: A device or combination of devices intended for, or capable of being used for, radiocommunication

Interference-causing equipment: Any device, machinery or equipment, other than radio apparatus, that can cause interference to radiocommunication

Radio-sensitive equipment:

Any device, machinery or equipment, other than radio apparatus, that can be adversely affected by radiocommunication emissions

- Broadcasting transmitters
- Portable radio transmitters
- Digital scanner receivers
- Remote car alarms and starters
- Garage door openers
- Wireless computer links
- Cellular phones
- Cordless phones
- Fax machines
- GSM telephones
- Mobile radios
- Modems
- Wireless remote devices
- PABXs (including small business systems and key systems)
- Pagers
- Radio receivers
- Radio transmitters
- Telephone instruments
- Telex equipment
- Other equipment emitting a radio signal
- Any customer premises equipment to be attached to any part of a licensed telecommunication network



Other References:

- Table of ITU-T Recommendations and relevant parameters to be tested: http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG11-131107-TD-GEN-0300/en
- ITU-R Recommendations (link)
- USA: FCC Testing (link)
- <u>European Commission: Harmonised standards under Directive for R&TTE:</u>
 http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/rtts/decuments/standards
 - http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/rtte/documents/standards/inde
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- <u>Canada: Technical Requirements for Radio Systems:</u> <u>http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/icgc.nsf/eng/06957.html#q=srsp;</u>
- <u>UAE: Technical Standards:</u> http://www.tra.gov.ae/type_approval.php
- Brazil: Technical requirements for user's terminals: www.anatel.gov.br
- Mauritius: ICT Authority is the national regulator for the ICT sector and Postal Services: http://www.icta.mu/telecommunications/std list.htm

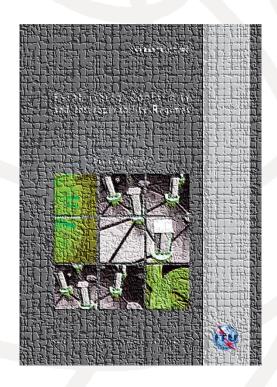
Accreditation, recognition and acceptance of laboratories and qualified professional

- Designation/recognition of accreditation and certification bodies, and testing laboratories
- Appointment and peer assessment of accreditation bodies
- Designation/recognition of certification bodies
- Designation/recognition of testing laboratories
- Recommendations on policies and strategies for developing conformity
- assessment testing laboratories compliant with international standards
- Legal status/legal entity
- Financial policy
- Management structure
- Personnel
- Training system
- Premises
- Equipment
- Recommendations on how to become accredited by international accreditation bodies (ILAC, IAF, APLAC, IECEE, etc.) in the relevant ICT scope

In production... (2014)

Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes

Complete Guidelines



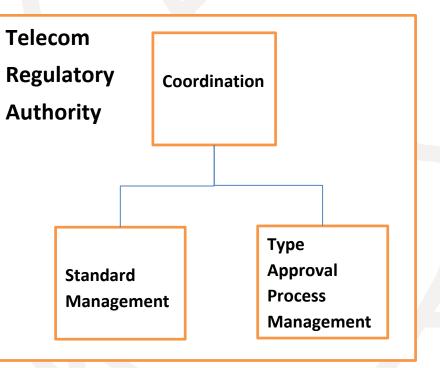
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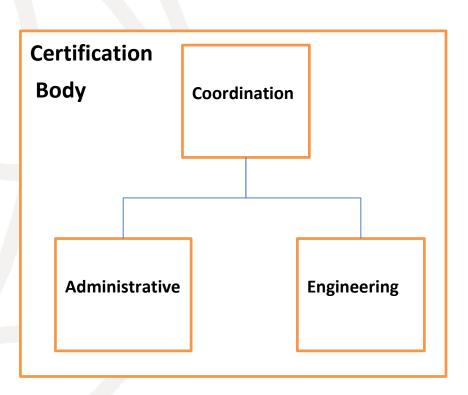


- Self-Declaration of Conformity acceptance
- Accountability of vendor's local representatives (manufacturer`s representative)
- Adapting existing equipment to new conformity assessment rules, standards, and procedures
- Revision of the Application Form to ensure, among other, product origin verification
- Renewal of certificates (procedures and fees)
- Review of the fee structure

Revision of a Conformance Assessment Regime (Case study)

Type Approval Division and Certification Body Structures

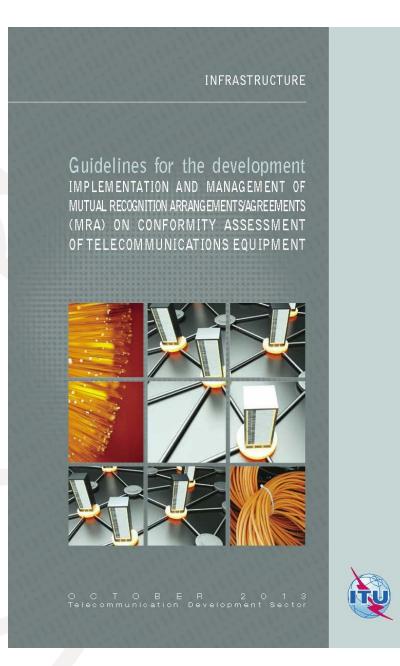




Conformance Assessment Regime: Implementation Roadmap

Time	2014				2015			
Action	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Standard Adoption								
EMC		х	х	х				
Safety		х	х	х				
SAR		х	х	х	х			
Digital TV								
Radio (emissions limits compliance check; spectrum regulation)								
Interoperability					х	х	х	х
Conformity Assessment Mechanisms								
Check-list for Type Approval		х	х	х	х	х	х	
Fee general formula								
Marking experience								
Direct Assistance								
Assistance from ITU			х					
Fee personalized formula		х	х					
Type Approval Res. review		х	х		7			
Training								
C&I Procedures (Type Approval, Standards, etc.)			х					
C&I Domains (EMC, mobile, NGN, etc.)				х				
MRA			х					

2. Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of mutual recognition arrangements/agreements (MRAs) on conformity assessment





C&I Guidelines for MRAs



- These guidelines aim at promoting the understanding and establishment of MRA, known as efficient tools to promote regional integration
- Through the share and efficient use of Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) infrastructures – as laboratories, accreditation bodies and regulatory practices – technical requirements can be harmonized and the transit of ICT goods and services can be facilitated, increasing trade and regional development

Guidelines for MRAs (cont.)



Topics covered by the Guidelines:

- Benefits
- Types of MRA
- Attributes
- Development
- Implementation
- Management
- Consultation and Training
- Stakeholders
- Procedures for contesting the competence of conformity assessment bodies
- A typical MRA operation
- Recommendation

Guidelines for MRAs (cont.)

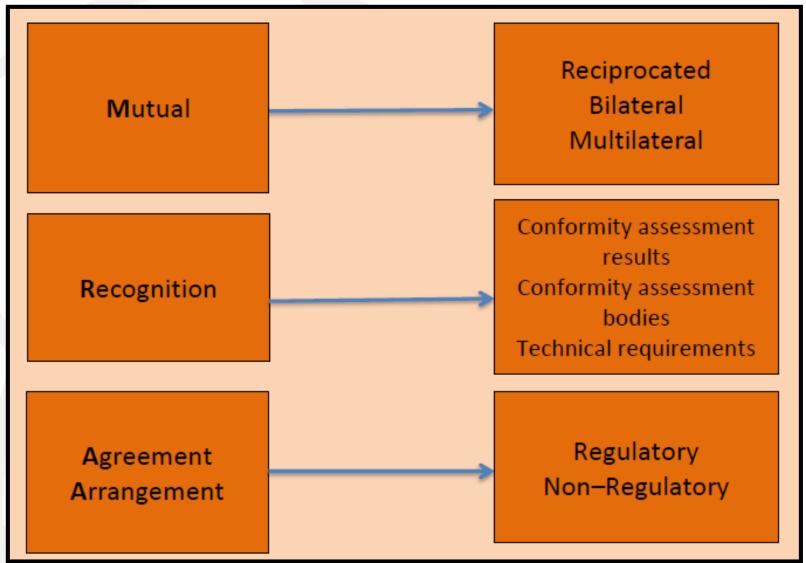


Agreement/Arrangement

- A Mutual Recognition Agreement is a formal legal commitment between parties for recognition of conformity assessment results for telecommunication equipment. It deals with regulatory requirements and it is referred to in the text as "regulatory MRA". Often such agreements are made bilaterally, regionally or multilaterally between two or more governments.
- A Mutual Recognition Arrangement is a voluntary arrangement between parties for recognition of conformity assessment results for telecommunication equipment. It deals with nonregulatory requirements and it is referred to in the text as "non-regulatory MRA". An example of a mutual recognition arrangement is amongst accreditation bodies to mutually recognize the conformity assessment results from accredited conformity assessment bodies.

Guidelines for MRAs (cont.)





MRA Benefits

For manufacturers:

- opportunity to test and certify products one time to the requirements of multiple markets and ship products without further conformity assessment
- increase certification efficiency for products exported to foreign markets, thus increasing export opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- decreasing time-to-market for companies manufacturing telecommunication equipment with shorter and shorter product life cycles, thus maximizing export opportunities and allowing for rapid reinvestment in research and further development for new technologies

For conformity assessment bodies:

• Allowing conformity assessment bodies (CABs) to increase the value of their service by offering their clients testing and certifying products for multiple markets.

MRA Benefits (Cont.)

For regulators:

- reduction of regulatory resources required to certify terminal attachment and radio equipment
- opportunity to reallocate a portion of these former certification costs to other areas
- further harmonizing of technical requirements and of regional and national conformity assessment systems
- access to a pool of knowledge about the latest global trends and experiences regarding conformity assessment and regulatory systems.

For consumers:

- increasing consumer access to the widest variety of available technology
- faster access to equipment at a lower cost
- speeding the development of telecommunication and Internet infrastructure.

Guidelines Highlights



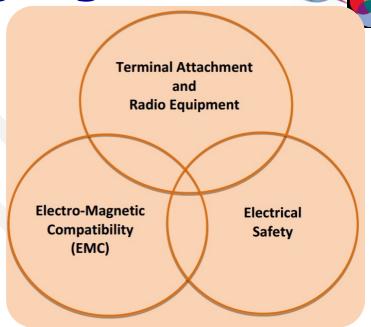
Attributes of an MRA

- Designation
- Accreditation
- Recognition
- Retaining designation or recognition
- Suspension or withdrawal of designation or recognition
- Dispute resolution

Guidelines Highlights

Development of an MRA

- Framework for MRAs
- Coverage and Scope
- Identification of parties to the MRA
- Obligations under an MRA
- Duration and disestablishment of a MRA
- Examples of some MRAs on conformity assessment



Guidelines Highlights

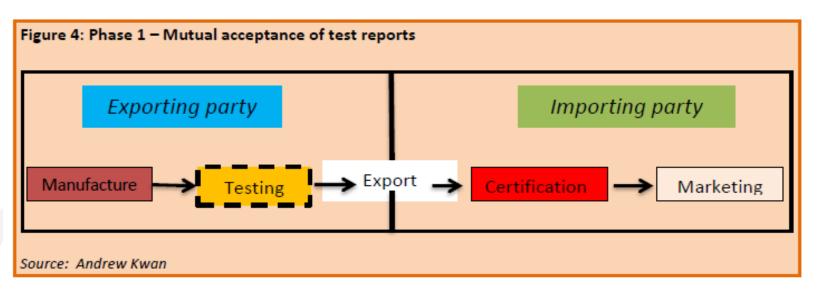
Implementation of an MRA

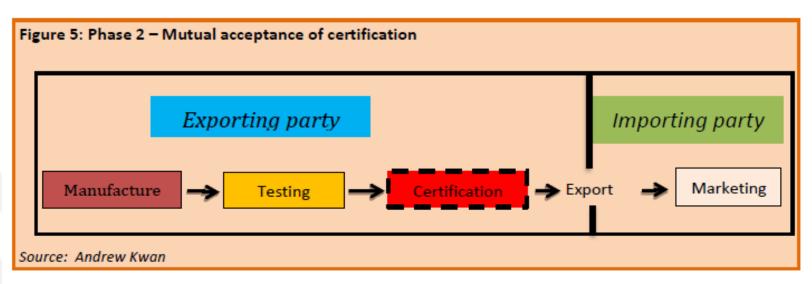
- Conformity Assessment
- Pre-implementation preparation
- Confidence building and start-up
- Identification of scope technical requirements and phases
- Identification of contacts
- Information exchange
- Nomination of designating authorities
- Identification of MRA host and repository of signatories
- Nomination of regulatory authorities
- Identification of accreditation bodies
- Notification of conformity assessment bodies
- Recognition of conformity assessment bodies
- Formation of a joint committee
- Monitor and surveillance programmes
- Experience from implementation of existing MRAs



Implementation of an MRA







Parties can choose to implement the phases of the MRA one at a time or both together. Typically the parties will implement Phase 1 and after gaining experience and confidence with the Phase 1 procedure, they will then proceed to implement the Phase 2 procedure.

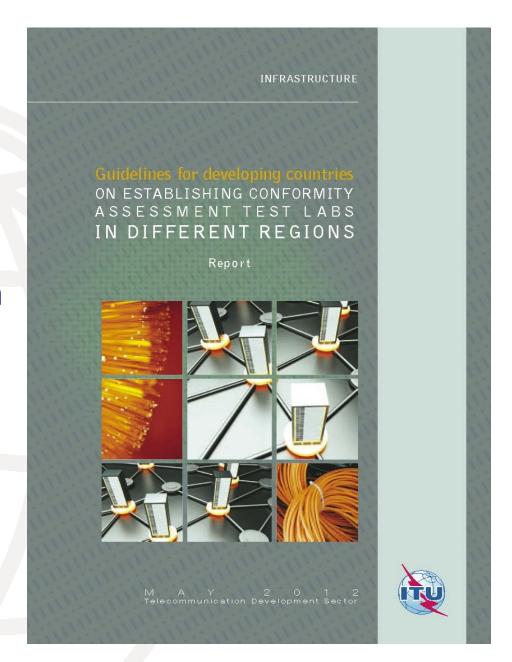
Guidelines Highlights



Management of an MRA

- Joint committee
- Update and surveillance of accreditation bodies and conformance assessment bodies (CABs)
- Management of data
- Record of notifications and changes
- Termination and withdrawal from an MRA

3. Guidelines for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions



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Guidelines for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions (2012)

This set of guidelines is the first publication on C&I, its valuable content includes information concerning:

- The process required for building testing labs
- A site analysis (e.g. existing testing labs, know-how)
- Collaboration mechanisms
- Best practices
- Reference standards and ITU Recommendations
- And more... access to the Guideline here

Guidelines for Developing Countries for Establishing Test Labs in Different Regions

http://www.itu.int/ITU-

D/tech/ConformanceInteroperability/ConformanceInterop/indexGuidelines.html

- Status in the regions and needs
- Funding and Training Sources
- Criteria to establish Accreditation and Conformity Assessment Bodies nternational Telecommunications Testing Centres (ITTCs)
- Economics and Cost Implications for ITTCs
- Roadmap for ITTC rollout

Conclusions from Guidelines



- Members to:
 - advise the ITU of interoperability problems
 - Regulators to establish market access requirements
 - assess legislation and regulations
 - prioritize areas of concern for products and systems
- Establishment of Accreditation Bodies and approach to MRAs and MLAs
- Establishment of *Test Centres* on a regional basis, wide areas and possibly common infrastructures

Steps to Establish an ISO 17025 Compliant Test Lab



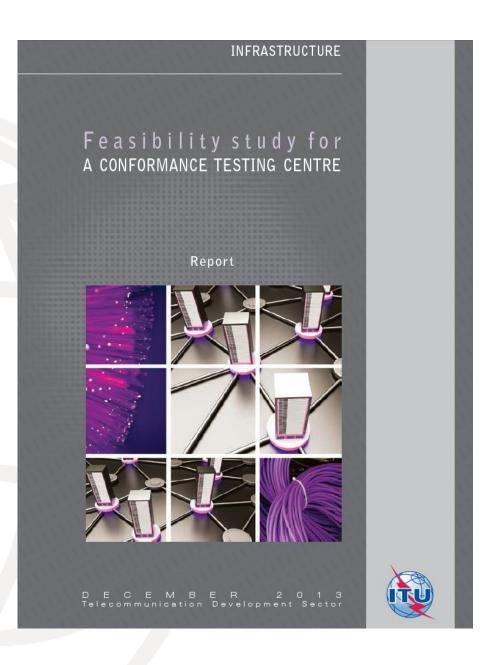
- > Management requirements and systems
- >Lab requirements, test methods and procedures, audits, equipment handling, technical competence
- Document control, calibration records and staff records
- > Handling of test reports and calibration certificates
- >Service to customers and handling of complaints

Funding and Training Sources



- >UNIDO, major Banks in each region, specialized funding agencies for telecoms projects and others
- >Requirements to access funds vary from low interest loans, to grants, seed funding and cost underwriting
- Repository of international telecom training organizations
- >Costs of training may vary from just travel to and from location, to government and supplier subsidized training, to private for-profit fully costed training.

4. Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre



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Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (2013)

This feasibility study describes environments, procedures and methodologies to be adopted to establish, manage and maintain a testing center covering different kind of conformance and interoperability testing areas. Different Type Approval Testing domains (e.g. electromagnetics, safety, fixed and mobile networks, broadcast) will be considered.

The feasibility study address all necessary aspects: i)
Implementation; ii) Functional Model of Type Approval
Institution; iii) Sustainability of operations; iv) Pricing
policies; v) Proposal of the Organization Scheme; vi)
Technical requirements for Type Approval Laboratories;
vii) Staff requirements; viii) Project Implementation
Recommendations; and ix) Investment costs estimation.

Terms of Reference here

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Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (2013)

Preview: Steps to an ISO 17025 Compliant Test Lab

- ISO 17025 establishes a set of management requirements and systems
- Lab requirements, test methods and procedures, audits, equipment handling, technical competence
- Document control, calibration records and staff records
- Handling of test reports and calibration certificates
- Service to customers and handling of complaints

Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre

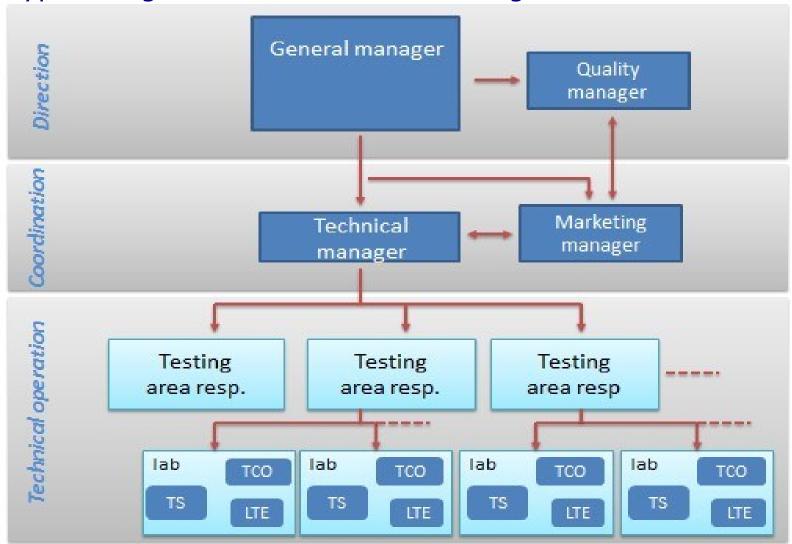
The feasibility study will addresses:

- 1. Implementation
- 2. Functional Model of Type Approval Institution
- 3. Sustainability of operations;
- 4. Pricing policies
- 5. Proposal of the Organization Scheme
- 6. Technical requirements for Type Approval Laboratories
- 7. Staff requirements
- 8. Project Implementation Recommendations
- 9. Investment costs estimation

Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre



Typical Organization Chart of a Testing Lab:



Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre (cont.)



Testing laboratory infrastructures:

Area of competence

- Specific Absorption Rate lab
- User experience lab
- Broadband access lab
- Mobile value added services lab
- Electrical safety & protection lab
- Electroacoustic lab
- Electromagnetic compatibility lab
- Radio & Signalling lab
- Powering efficiency lab
- Quality of material lab
- Personal area network lab
- Fixed Test plant
- Mobile Test plant

Feasibility Study for building a Conformance Testing Centre (cont.)



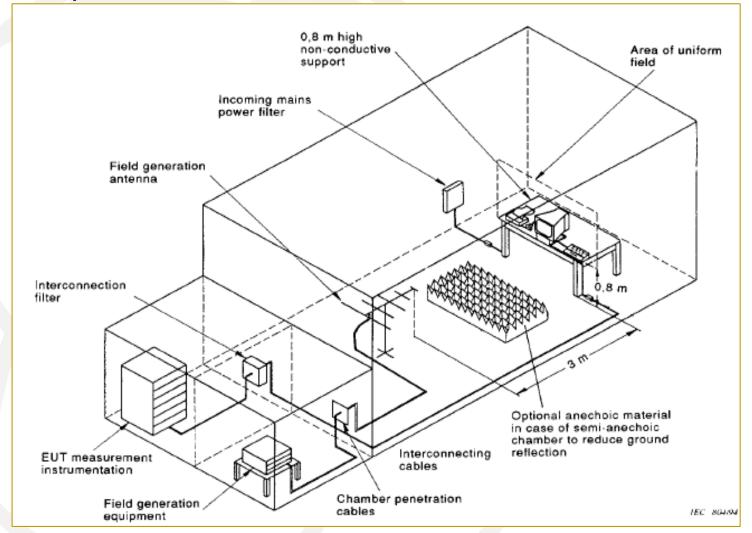
Overview 1

Broadband access laboratory (BBA):

- The scope of the broadband access laboratory is to evaluate all different equipment and functionalities used in next generation access networks, ranging from the physical layer to networking aspects
- In particular xDSL transmission performances and optical parameters are tested for copper and fiber solution in relation to the different architectural choices (FTTx)

Overview 2

EMC: Typical set-up for table top equipment for radiated immunity tests



Laboratorios	Activity	m²	Location Rent1 000 EUR /year	Utility 1 000 EUR /year	Instrument Asset 1 000 EUR	Number of staff	Opex 1 000 EUR /year
SAR	Specific absorption rate lab	150	19	28	800	4	25
USX	User experience lab	130	17	24	100	6	0
ВВА	Broadband access lab	300	39	56	1.400	7	5
VAS	Mobile value added services lab	40	5	7	0	3	0
EPS	Electrical safety and protection lab	80	10	15	1.200	4	25
ELA	Electroacoustic lab	250	32	46	800	4	5
ЕМС	Electromagnetic compatibility lab	300	39	56	1.600	5	5
RSL	Radio and signalling lab	250	32	46	2.000	12	10
PWR	Powering consumption lab	80	10	15	200	2	5
QML	Quality of material lab	250	32	46	1.300	6	15
WIF	Personal area network lab	170	22	31	500	5	5
TPF	Fixed test plant	900	117	167	3 000	33	120
ТРМ	Mobile test plant	2 50 0	324	463	3 000	55	300
management						10	
cross						24	
activities (*) TOTAL		5 40 0	700	1 000	15 900	180	520

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