

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

October 19, 2002

His Excellency Graeme Wilson
Australian Ambassador to Mexico
Mexico City

Dear Ambassador Wilson:

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the United States of America is prepared to implement Phase 1 of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (APEC Telecom MRA) with the Government of Australia for technical regulations affecting telecommunications and Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMC).

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the APEC Telecom MRA, the United States confirms that it is prepared to initiate participation in the general provisions, Appendix A and Appendix B (Phase 1 Procedures) of the APEC Telecom MRA with Australia. This letter, and your response, will constitute the official commencement of the mutual recognition arrangement, effective from the date of this letter. The APEC Telecom MRA is an integral part of this letter.

The United States will apply the Phase 1 procedures in Appendix B for the recognition of testing laboratories designated by Australia as Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and for the acceptance of test reports from such recognised CABs for conformity assessment of equipment subject to the technical regulations of the United States for telecommunications and EMC.

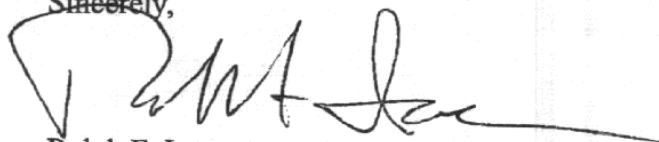
Attached is the list of technical regulations for which the United States will accept test reports from recognised CABs. Any modifications to this list will be notified in accordance with the general provisions of APEC Telecom MRA.

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Communications Commission is the telecommunications regulatory authority responsible for recognizing CABs. Mr. William Hurst (whurst@fcc.gov) is the contact for the FCC for the purposes of this arrangement. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the designating authority responsible for designating CABs. Mr. Jogindar Dhillon (dhillon@nist.gov) is contact person for NIST responsible for the activities under this mutual recognition arrangement.

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Effective as of the date of this letter, the United States may designate testing laboratories in accordance with the general provisions, Appendix A and Appendix B of the APEC Telecom MRA. The United States understands that it will be necessary to exchange information on the technical criteria for accrediting CABs.

Sincerely,



Ralph F. Ives
Assistant United States Trade Representative
for Asia-Pacific and APEC Affairs

Attachment: Annex I - List of the FCC Technical Regulations

cc: APEC TEL WG Chair
Chairman of MRA Task Force Group

ANNEX I
TO PHASE I PROCEDURES
LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS
FOR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The technical regulations for which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will accept test reports from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) designated by other parties are: (Note: CFR stands for United States Code of Federal Regulations)

- 1) The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) requirements are contained in the FCC Rule parts shown below:

Administrative Provisions	47 CFR Part 2
Electromagnetic Requirements	47 CFR Parts 15 and 18

Web site: www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/

- 2) The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment are contained in:

- a. The FCC Rule parts shown below:

Administrative Provisions	47 CFR Parts 2
Telephone Terminal Equipment	47 CFR Parts 68

Web site: www.fcc.gov/wtb/rules.html

- b. Technical criteria published by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA). (See CFR 68.7)

Web site: <http://www.part68.org/documents.cfm>

Note: The requirements for telephone terminal equipment were privatized and transferred to the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments in the Report and Order in CC Docket 99-216, adopted by the FCC in November, 2000. The FCC does not require laboratories performing measurements on telephone terminal equipment to be accredited. The FCC no longer accepts applications for Part 68 certification. However, certification of telephone terminal equipment to Part 68 may be performed by Telecommunication Certification Bodies (TCBs).

- 3) The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Licensed Radio Service Equipment are contained in the FCC Rule Parts shown below:

Administrative Provisions	47 CFR Part 2
Commercial Mobile Radio	47 CFR Part 20
Domestic Public Fixed	47 CFR Part 21
Domestic Mobile	47 CFR Part 22
Personal Communication Service	47 CFR Part 24
Satellite Communications	47 CFR Part 25
Broadcast	47 CFR Part 73
Auxiliary Broadcast	47 CFR Part 74
Cable Television Radio	47 CFR Part 78
Maritime	47 CFR Part 80
GMDSS	47 CFR Part 80W
Private Land Mobile	47 CFR Part 90
Private-Fixed Microwave	47 CFR Part 94
Personal Radio Services	47 CFR Part 95 F
IVDS	47 CFR Part 95
Amateur Radio	47 CFR Part 97
Radio Frequency Devices	47 CFR Part 15
Fixed Microwave Services	47 CFR Part 101

Web site: www.fcc.gov/wtb/rules/html

Note: The FCC does not require laboratories performing measurements on licensed radio service equipment to be accredited; however, to submit an application for certification to a TCB the laboratory must demonstrate competency to perform the tests.



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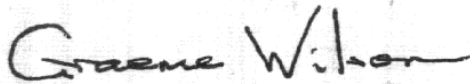
Australia will apply the Phase 1 procedures in Appendix B for the recognition of testing laboratories designated by the United States as Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and for the acceptance of test reports from such recognised CABs for conformity assessment of equipment subject to Australia's technical regulations for telecommunications and EMC.

Attached is the list of technical regulations for which Australia will accept test reports from recognised CABs. Any modifications to this list will be notified in accordance with the general provisions of APEC Telecom MRA.

I am pleased to inform you that the Australian Communications Authority is both the telecommunications regulatory authority responsible for recognizing CABs and the designating authority responsible for designating CABs under the arrangement. Mr Ian McAlister of the Australian Communications Authority is the contact person for Australia responsible for the activities under this mutual recognition arrangement.

Effective as of the date of this letter, Australia may designate testing laboratories in accordance with the general provisions, Appendix A and Appendix B of the APEC Telecom MRA. Australia understands that it will be necessary to exchange information on the technical criteria for accrediting CABs.

Sincerely



Graeme Wilson
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cc: APEC Tel.WG Chair
Chairman of MRA Task Force Group

Attachments: Annex I – Lists of Technical Regulations of Australia

ANNEX I
TO PHASE I AND II PROCEDURES
LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS
FOR AUSTRALIA

PHASE I

The Technical Regulations for which Australia will accept test reports from recognised Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by other Parties are:

1. Telecommunications regulation.

Telecommunications regulations are made under the *Telecommunications Act 1997*. The *Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Notice No. 2 of 1997* specifies the standards that telecommunications customer equipment and cabling must meet. These include:

TS Number	Title
TS001	Safety Requirements for Customer Equipment
TS002 (Revised)	Analogue Interworking and Non-interference Requirements for Customer Equipment Connected to the Public Switched Telephone Network
TS003	Customer Switching Systems Connected to the Public Switched Telephone Network
TS004	Voice Frequency Performance Requirements for Customer Equipment
TS005	Analogue Cellular Mobile Telecommunications System - AMPS Mobile Station
S006 AS/ACIF S043	General Requirements for Customer Equipment Connected to the Non-switched Telephone Network
TS007	General Requirements for Customer Equipment Connected to the Telex Network
TS008	Requirements for Authorised Cabling Products
TS014	General Requirements for Customer Equipment Connected to an ISDN Primary Rate Interfaces
TS015	General Requirements for Analogue Video Equipment Connected to a Telecommunications Network
TS016	General Requirements for Customer Equipment Connected to Hierarchical Digital Interfaces
TS018	Digital Cellular Mobile Telecommunications System - GSM Mobile Station
TS019	Radio Equipment and Systems Cordless Telecommunications - CT2 CAI
TS022	Mobilesat Terminal Compatibility Requirements for System Access
TS024	Broadcaster Interface Standard
TS025	General Requirements for Line Isolation Devices Connected between

	Airservices Australia Facilities and a Telecommunications Network
TS026	General Requirements for Synchronous Digital Hierarchical Interfaces
TS028	Radio Equipment and Systems Cordless Telecommunications - Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT)
TS031	Requirements for ISDN Basic Access Interface
TS034	Radio Equipment and Systems Cordless Telecommunications - Personal Handy Phone System (PHS)
TS038	Requirements for ISDN Primary Rate Access Interface

Copies of these standards are available from Standards Australia. Further information is available on the ACA website: www.aca.gov.au

2. Radiocommunications regulation.

Regulations regarding radiocommunications devices are made under the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. The following standards, either in part or whole have been adopted:

Standard	Description
AS 4295:1995	Analogue speech (analogue modulated) equipment operating in the land mobile and fixed services band in the frequency range 29.7MHz to 1 GHz
AS/NZS 4330:1995	121.5 and 243.0 MHz emergency position indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs) including personal EPIRBs
AS/NZS 4280:1995	406 MHz satellite distress beacon
AS/NZS 4255:1995	Radiocommunications equipment used in the handphone and citizen band radio services operating at frequencies not exceeding 30 MHz
AS/NZS 4365:1996	Radiocommunications equipment used in the UHF citizen band and personal radio service
AS 4367:1996	Radiocommunications equipment used in the inshore boating radio services band.
AS 4268.2:1995	Radio equipment and systems - Short range devices. Part 2: technical characteristics and test methods for radio equipment to be used in the 25 MHz to 25 GHz frequency range with power levels ranging up to 1W
AS/NZS 4281:1995	Radiocommunications requirements for cordless telephones operating in the 1.7 Mhz band and between the 20 and 41 MHz frequency band.
AS/NZS 4415:1996	Radiotelephone transmitters and receivers for the maritime mobile service operating in the VHF bands - Technical characteristics and methods of measurement.

Copies of these standards are available from Standards Australia. Further information is available on the ACA website: www.aca.gov.au

3. Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Regulations

EMC regulations are made under the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*. The following standards are mandatory for electrical and electronic products in the residential, commercial and light industry environment:

Standard	Description
AS/NZS 4251	Generic emission standard
AS/NZS 1044	Electrical motor-operated and thermal appliances for household and similar purposes, electric tools and similar apparatus
AS/NZS 1053	Sound and television receivers and associated equipment
AS/NZS 2064.1/2	Industrial, scientific and medical equipment
AS/NZS 2557	Vehicles, motor boats and spark ignition engine driven devices
AS/NZS 3548	Information technology equipment
AS/NZS 4051	Electrical lighting and similar equipment
AS/NZS 4052	Microwave ovens

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