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Washington, D.C. 20554

January 28, 2003

Mr. William A. McCrum
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CANADA

Dear Mr. McCrum:

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America (USA) is prepared to implement Phase II of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (APEC Telecom MRA) with the Government of Canada for equipment subject to telecommunications and Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) regulations.

The USA confirms that it is prepared to initiate participation in the general provisions, Appendix A and Appendix C (Phase II Procedures) of the APEC Telecom MRA with Canada. This letter, and your response, will constitute the official commencement of the Phase II implementation of the mutual recognition arrangements between our two economies. The terms of the APEC Telecom MRA apply to this agreement.

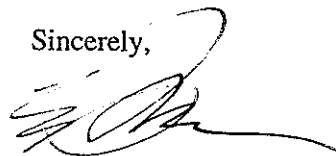
Specifically, the USA will apply the Phase II Procedures for the recognition of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) designated by Canada and for the acceptance of certifications for equipment subject to telecommunications and EMC regulations of the USA. The USA will also apply the Phase II Procedures for the designation of CABs to certify equipment subject to the telecommunication and EMC regulations of Canada.

Attached is the list of Technical Regulations for which the USA will accept certifications issued by recognized CABs. Any modifications to this list shall be notified in accordance with the general provisions of APEC Telecom MRA.

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is the telecommunications regulatory authority responsible for recognizing CABs under this arrangement and William S. Hurst is a contact person for that organization. I also am pleased to inform you that for Phase II of the APEC Telecom MRA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the designating authority for the USA and Jogindar (Joe) S. Dhillon is the contact person for NIST.

Beginning with the date of your response, which will effect the commencement of the Phase II implementation, Industry Canada may begin the process to designate CABs in accordance with the general provisions, Appendix A and Appendix C of the APEC Telecom MRA. The USA understands that as part of the implementation of the APEC Telecom MRA, the necessary exchanges of technical criteria and related information for accrediting CABs will take place.

Sincerely,



Edmond J. Thomas
Chief
Office of Engineering & Technology
Federal Communications Commission

cc: [APEC Tel WG Chair]

Attachments: Annex I List of Technical Regulations from [APEC Member Economy 1]

**ANNEX I
TO PHASE II PROCEDURES**

LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Technical Regulations for which the United States of America will accept test reports or equipment certifications from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by other Parties are: (Note: CFR stands for Code of Federal Regulations)

1. Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Title 47 of the United States Code).
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

- b. The following documents published by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachment (ACTA), established by the FCC CC Docket 99-216:

Guidelines and Procedures for submittal of information for inclusion in the ACTA database of approved Telephone Terminal Equipment ("TTE");
TIA/EIA/IS-968, Telecommunications -- Telephone Terminal Equipment -- Technical Requirements for Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network
TIA/EIA/IS-883, Telecommunications -- Telephone Terminal Equipment -- Supplemental Technical Requirements for Connection of Stutter Dial Tone Detection Devices and ADSL Modems to the Telephone Network
TIA/EIA/TSB-168, Telecommunications -- Telephone Terminal Equipment -- Labeling Requirements.

3. The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Transmitter 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

4. The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) are contained in the FCC Rule Parts shown below.

Administrative Provisions	47 CFR Part 2
Electromagnetic Requirements	47 CFR Part 15; and, 47 CFR Part 18.

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The texts of Technical Regulations for which the United States of America will accept test reports or equipment certifications from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by other Parties may be obtained through links at the following Internet addresses, or by purchase from the U.S. Government Printing Office (see www.gpo.gov for ordering information).

Technical Regulation	Available at following website
Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Title 47 of the United States Code).	http://www.fcc.gov/telecom.html
The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment are listed in paragraph 2 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/ http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/rules.html http://www.part68.org/links.htm
The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Transmitter Equipment are listed in paragraph 3 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/rules.html http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-retrieve.html
The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment Electromagnetic Requirements are listed in paragraph 4 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W.A. McCrum', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W.A. McCrum
Director,
Telecommunication Engineering and Certification
Division
Industry Canada

cc: APEC Tel WG Chair

Attachment: List of Technical Regulations from Canada

RSS-137 Location and Monitoring Service (902-928 MHz)	<p>Available at the following website:</p> http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01342e.html
RSS-142 Narrowband Multipoint Communication Systems in the 1427-1430 MHz and 1493.5-1496.5 MHz Bands	
RSS-170 Satellite Mobile Earth Stations	
RSS-181 Coast and Ship Station Single Sideband Radiotelephone Transmitters and Receivers Operating in the 1 605 - 28 000 kHz Band	
RSS-182 Maritime Radio Transmitters and Receivers in the Band 156-162.5 MHz	
RSS-187 Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons, Emergency Locator Transmitters and Personal Locator Beacons	
RSS-188 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)	
RSS-191 Local Multipoint Communication Systems in the 28 GHz Band; Point-to-Point and Point-to-Multipoint Broadband Communication Systems in the 24 GHz and 38 GHz Bands	
RSS-192 Fixed Wireless Access Systems in the Band 3400 - 3700 MHz	
RSS-210 Low Power Licence-Exempt Radiocommunication Devices (All Frequency Bands)	
RSS-212 Test Facilities and Test Methods for Radio Equipment	
RSS-213 2 GHz Licence-Exempt Personal Communications Service Devices (PCS)	
RSS-215 Analogue Scanner Receivers	

c. Broadcasting Equipment Technical Standards (BETS)

BETS-1 Technical Standards and Requirements for Low Power Announce Transmitters in the Frequency Bands 525-1,705 kHz and 88-107.5 MHz	<p>Available at the following website:</p> http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01342e.html
BETS-4 Technical Standards and Requirements for Television Broadcasting Transmitters	
BETS-5 Technical Standards and Requirements for AM Broadcasting Transmitters	
BETS-6 Technical Standards and Requirements for FM Broadcasting Transmitters	
BETS-8 Technical Standards and Requirements for FM Transmitters Operating in Small Remote Communities	
BETS-9 Technical Standards and Requirements for Television Transmitters Operating in Small Remote Communities	

RELATED INDUSRTY CANADA PROCEDURES

1. Procedures for Radio Apparatus

RSP-100 Radio Equipment Certification Procedure	Available at the following website:
BESP-100 Certification of Broadcasting Equipment	http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01374e.html#RadioStandardsProcedures

2. Procedures Applicable to Conformity Assessment Bodies

CB-01 Requirements for Certification Bodies	Available at the following website: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01374e.html#ProceduresforConformityAssessmentBodies
CB-02 Recognition Criteria, and Administrative and Operational Requirements Applicable to Certification Bodies for the Certification of Radio Apparatus to Industry Canada's Standards and Specifications	
CB-03 Requirements for the Certification of Radio Apparatus to Industry Canada's Standards and Specifications	
DES-CB Procedure for the Designation of Canadian Certification Bodies by Industry Canada	
REC-CB Procedure for the Recognition of Foreign Certification Bodies by Industry Canada	