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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

June 19, 2008

Dr. Nguyen Minh Dan
Director General of Science-Technology Department
Ministry of Information and Communications
18 Nguyen Du Street
Hanoi
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Dear Dr. Nguyen Minh Dan:

I am pleased to inform you that my government is prepared to initiate Phase I of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (MRA) with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

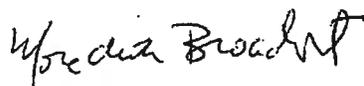
Specifically, the United States is prepared to participate in Phase I Procedures under the MRA with respect to equipment that is subject to mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by the U.S. telecommunications regulatory authority. Accordingly, for such equipment, the United States shall apply Appendix B of the MRA for purposes of recognizing testing laboratories that Vietnam designates as Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and for accepting test reports from those CABs. In addition, the United States shall apply the procedures in Appendix A of the MRA in designating testing laboratories that it considers competent to test equipment that is subject to mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by Vietnam's telecommunications regulatory authority. The United States understands that, in return, Vietnam shall evaluate and make determinations on recognizing such testing laboratories in accordance with Appendix B of the MRA.

I have attached to this letter a list of Technical Regulations that contain the mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by the U.S. telecommunications regulatory authority. This list shall constitute the U.S. Annex I to Phase I Procedures of the MRA for purposes of this agreement. The United States shall update this list as necessary to keep it current and notify Vietnam in accordance with the MRA if it modifies the list.

This letter, and your letter of June 19, 2008, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments to apply the MRA between our two economies with respect to Phase I Procedures. The MRA shall be considered an integral part of this letter.

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is the telecommunications regulatory authority responsible for recognizing CABs under the MRA. Mr. George Tannahill (George.Tannahill@fcc.gov) is the FCC contact person for the purposes of the MRA. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the designating authority responsible for designating CABs under the MRA. Ms. Ramona Saar (Ramona.Saar@nist.gov) is the NIST contact person for the purposes of the MRA.

Sincerely,



Meredith Broadbent
Assistant United States Trade Representative
for Industry, Market Access, and Telecommunications

cc: Dr. Arnon Tubtiang, APEC Tel WG Chair

Attachments: Annex I to Phase I Procedures: List of Technical Regulations for the United States

**ANNEX I
TO PHASE I PROCEDURES**

**LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR
THE UNITED STATES**

The Technical Regulations for which the United States shall accept test reports from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by Vietnam are:

1. Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Title 47 of the United States Code);
2. U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment that are contained in the following:
 - a. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

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

and;

- b. documents published by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachment (ACTA), established in 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. U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Transmitter Equipment that are contained in the following:

Administrative Provisions	47 CFR Part 2
Domestic Mobile	47 CFR Part 22
Personal Communication Service	47 CFR Part 24
Satellite Communications	47 CFR Part 25

Miscellaneous Wireless Communications Services	47 CFR Part 27
Broadcast	47 CFR Part 73
Auxiliary Broadcast	47 CFR Part 74
Cable Television Radio	47 CFR Part 78
Maritime Services	47 CFR Part 80
Private Land Mobile	47 CFR Part 90
Personal Radio Services	47 CFR Part 95
Amateur Radio	47 CFR Part 97
Radio Frequency Devices	47 CFR Part 15
Fixed Microwave Services	47 CFR Part 101

and;

4. U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) that are contained in the following:

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

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The texts of Technical Regulations cited above 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 listed in paragraph 2 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/ http://www.part68.org/
The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Transmitter Equipment listed in paragraph 3 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/
The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Electromagnetic Compatibility Requirements listed in paragraph 4 above.	http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/



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June 19th 2008

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Specifically, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is prepared to participate in Phase I Procedures under the MRA with respect to equipment that is subject to mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by Vietnam's telecommunications regulatory authority. Accordingly, for such equipment, Vietnam shall apply Appendix B of the MRA for purposes of recognizing testing laboratories that the United States designates as Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and for accepting test reports from those CABs. In addition, Vietnam shall apply the procedures in Appendix A of the MRA in designating testing laboratories that it considers competent to test equipment that is subject to mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by the U.S. telecommunications regulatory authority. Vietnam understands that, in return, the United States shall evaluate and make determinations on recognizing such testing laboratories in accordance with Appendix B of the MRA.

I have attached to this letter a list of Technical Regulations that contain the mandatory conformity assessment procedures enforced by Vietnam's telecommunications regulatory authority. This list shall constitute Vietnam's Annex I to Phase I Procedures of the MRA for purposes of this agreement. Vietnam shall update this list as necessary to keep it current and notify the United States in accordance with the MRA if it modifies the list.



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I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) is the telecommunications regulatory authority responsible for recognizing CABs under the MRA. Dr. Nguyen Minh Dan (nmdan@mic.gov.vn) is the MIC contact person for purposes of the MRA. The MIC is also the designating authority responsible for designating CABs under the MRA. Dr. Nguyen Minh Dan is the MIC contact person for purposes of the MRA.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Annex I to Phase I Procedures: Technical Regulations for Vietnam

ANNEX I
TO PHASE I PROCEDURES

**LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR
VIETNAM**

The Technical Regulations for which Vietnam shall accept test reports from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by the United States are:

Ordinal	Products	Technical Regulations
1.	Terminal equipment	
1.1	Terminal equipment to be connected to an analogue subscriber interface in the PSTN	TCN 68-188:2000 - Terminal equipment to be connected to an analogue subscriber interface in the PSTN – General technical requirement TCN 68-190:2003 – Telecommunication terminal equipment – Electrical safety requirement TCN 68-193:2003 – Radio disturbance characteristics – Methods of measurement TCN 68-196: 2001 – Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Telecommunications Terminal Equipment – Electromagnetic immunity Requirements
1.2	Cordless Telephone Equipment	TCN 68-188:2000 - Terminal equipment to be connected to an analogue subscriber interface in the PSTN – General technical requirement TCN 143:2003 – Cordless Telephone Equipment – Technical requirement (revised) TCN 68-190:2003 – Telecommunication terminal equipment – Electrical safety requirement TCN 68-192:2003 – Radio communication equipment – General technical requirement TCN 68-196: 2001 – Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Telecommunications Terminal Equipment – Electromagnetic immunity Requirements
1.3	Terminal equipment to be connected to ISDN using basic rate access (BRA)	TCN 68-189:2000 – Terminal equipment to be connected to ISDN using basic rate access – General technical requirement TCN 68-190:2003 – Telecommunication terminal equipment – Electrical safety requirement TCN 68-193:2003 – Radio disturbance characteristics – Methods of measurement TCN 68-196: 2001 – Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Telecommunications Terminal Equipment – Electromagnetic immunity Requirements
1.4	GSM Mobile Station (Phase 2 and 2+)	TCN 68-221:2004 – GSM Mobile Station (Phase 2 and 2+) – Technical requirements



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1.5	CDMA Mobile Station – Technical requirements	TCN 68-222:2004 – CDMA Mobile Station – Technical requirements TCN 68-245:2006 – Mobile Station for IMT-2000 CDMA Direct Spread (WCDMA FDD) – Technical requirements
1.6	PHS Terminal Equipment	TCN 68-223:2004 – PHS Terminal Equipment – Technical requirements
2	Radio equipment	
2.1	Radio equipment operating in the 2.4 GHz band and using spread spectrum modulation techniques	TCN 68-242:2006 – Radio equipments operating in the 2.4 GHz band and using spread spectrum modulation techniques – Technical requirements
2.2	Short Range Devices – Radio equipment in the frequency range 9 kHz to 25 MHz	TCN 68-243:2006 – Short Range Devices – Radio equipment in the frequency range 9 kHz to 25 MHz – Technical requirements TCN 68-192:2003 – Radio communication equipment – General Electromagnetic Compatibility Requirement
2.3	Transmitting equipment for the analogue television broadcasting service	TCN 68-246:2006 Transmitting equipment for the analogue television broadcasting service – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM);
3	Information technology equipment	
3.1	Desktop PC, server	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.2	Laptop and portable computer	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.3	Personal digital assistant – PDA	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.4	Router	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.5	Hub	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.6	Switch	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.7	Gateway	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement



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3.8	Bridge	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
3.9	Firewall	TCVN 7189:2002 – Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The texts of Technical Regulations cited above may be obtained through links at the following Internet address: www.mic.gov.vn



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