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AGREEMENT REACHED BY A MEMBER WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS OR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Notification

Under Article 10.7 of the Agreement "Whenever a Member has reached an agreement with any other country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures which may have a significant effect on trade, at least one Member party to the agreement shall notify other Members through the Secretariat of the products to be covered by the agreement and include a brief description of the agreement." The following notification under Article 10.7 has been received.

1.	Member notifying: <u>MEXICO</u>
2.	Title of the bilateral or plurilateral Agreement: Mutual Recognition Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United Mexican States for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment.
3.	Parties to the Agreement: Canada, Mexico
4.	Date of entry into force of Agreement: 1 June 2012
5.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): The Agreement applies to conformity assessment of equipment that may be attached to a public telecommunications network and other equipment subject to telecommunications regulation, including wire and wireless equipment, and terrestrial and satellite equipment, whether or not connected to a public telecommunications network. Equipment which can only be connected behind devices providing adequate network protection for a public telecommunications network may be excluded from the scope of testing it applies to network terminal attachment.

6. Subject matter covered by the Agreement (technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures):

- CS-03 Compliance Specification for Terminal Equipment, Terminal Systems, Network Protection Devices, Connection Arrangements and Hearing Aids Compatibility;
- DC-01 Procedure for Declaration of Conformity and Registration of Terminal Equipment;
- NOM-083-SCT1-2002, "Telecommunications - Radio communication - Technical specifications for transmitting equipment used in one way mobile radiolocation services";
- NOM-084-SCT1-2002, "Telecommunications - Radio communication - Technical specifications of transmitting equipment used in specialized fleet radiocommunication mobile services" (trunking);
- NOM-088/1-SCT1-2002, "Telecommunications - Radiocommunication - Microwave equipment for multi-channel systems in the fixed service point to point and point to multipoint - Part 1: Radio multiple access"
- NOM-088/2-SCT1-2002, "Telecommunications - Radiocommunication - Microwave equipment for multi-channel systems in the fixed service point to point and point to multipoint - Part 2: Transport";
- NOM-151-SCT1-1999, "Public network interface for terminal equipment";
- NOM-152-SCT1-1999, "Digital interface to public networks (2.048 kbps digital interface)";
- NOM-121-SCT1-2009, "Telecommunications - Radiocommunication - Radio-communication systems employing spread spectrum techniques - radiocommunication equipment with frequency hopping and digital modulation operating in the bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz - specifications, limits and test methods".

7. Description of measures of Agreement: The Agreement is intended to streamline conformity assessment for a wide range of telecommunications and telecommunications-related equipment and thereby to facilitate trade between the Parties. The Agreement provides for the mutual recognition by the Parties of testing laboratories and mutual acceptance of the results of testing undertaken by recognized testing laboratories in assessing conformity of equipment to those technical requirements, legislative and regulatory provisions, and administrative arrangements that a Party has specified in Annex I of the Agreement pertaining to the testing of equipment with respect to which compliance is mandatory.

For greater clarity, the parties note that the Agreement shall not cover conformity assessment related to the electrical safety of telecommunications equipment or homologation.

The Agreement provides for a transition period of 18 months following the date of entry into force, during which time the Parties will jointly undertake a confidence building work program in order to build trust and confidence in the Agreement. During the transition period, neither Party will be required to accept test reports from testing laboratories of the other Party.

8. Further information available from:

<http://dof.gob.mx/index.php?year=2012&month=05&day=28>

http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf06131.html

<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf05610.html>

http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf06138.html

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/MEX/12_2122_00_s.pdf