

PROTOCOL
on Recognition of Results of Accreditation of
Conformity Assessment Authorities

1. This Protocol has been developed in accordance with Section X of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter "the Treaty") and determines the conditions for mutual recognition of the results of accreditation of conformity assessment authorities.

2. The terms used in this Protocol shall have the following meanings:

"appeal" means an application submitted by a conformity assessment authority to an accreditation authority regarding review of a decision adopted by the accreditation authority in respect of the conformity assessment authority;

"certification of an accreditation expert" means confirmation of compliance of a natural person with the determined requirements and recognition of his/her competence to conduct accreditation activities;

"claim" means a statement containing an expression of dissatisfaction with the actions (omissions) of a conformity assessment authority or an accreditation authority filed by any person and requiring a mandatory response;

"applicant for accreditation" means a juridical person registered under the legislation of the Member States and applying for accreditation as a conformity assessment authority;

"accreditation authority" means an authority or juridical person authorised under the legislation of a Member State to carry out accreditation activities;

"technical expert" means a natural person with expertise in a specific field of accreditation engaged and appointed by an accreditation authority to participate in accreditation of conformity assessment authorities and included in the registry of technical experts;

"accreditation expert" means a natural person certified and appointed by the accreditation authority under the procedure determined by the legislation of the respective Member State for accreditation of conformity assessment authorities and included in the registry of accreditation experts.

3. The Member States shall harmonise their legislation in the sphere of accreditation through:

the adoption of rules in the field of accreditation on the basis of international standards and other documents adopted by international and regional accreditation organisations;

the application of interstate standards in the field of accreditation developed on the basis of international standards;

ensuring and organisation of inter-laboratory comparison testing (inter-laboratory intercomparison);

the exchange of information in the field of accreditation based on the principles of openness of information, gratuitousness and timeliness.

The Member States shall mutually recognise the accreditation of conformity assessment authorities (including certification authorities and testing laboratories (centres)) in the national accreditation systems of the

Member States in the performance of the provisions of Article 54 of the Treaty by accreditation authorities.

4. Accreditation authorities shall have the following powers:

1) compiling and maintaining:

a registry of accredited conformity assessment authorities;

a registry of accreditation experts;

a registry of technical experts;

the national part of the common registry of conformity assessment authorities of the Union;

2) submitting to the integrated information system of the Union information from the registries of accredited conformity assessment authorities, accreditation experts and technical experts, as well as other accreditation-related information and documents pursuant to the Treaty;

3) enable representatives of accreditation authorities to carry out mutual comparative assessments in order to ensure the equivalence of procedures applied by the Member States;

4) review and decide on the appeals filed by conformity assessment authorities for review of decisions adopted by accreditation authorities in respect of such conformity assessment authorities;

5) review and decide on the claims filed by natural or juridical persons of the Member States with regard to the activities of accreditation authorities, as well as the activities of accredited conformity assessment authorities.

5. Current information on accreditation authorities shall be provided by such authorities to the Commission for posting on the official website of the Union on the Internet.

6. In order to ensure an equivalent level of competence of accreditation and technical experts, accreditation authorities shall ensure harmonisation of requirements to the competence of accreditation and technical experts.
