

PROTOCOL
on Acceptance of the Results of Works on Accreditation
of the Conformity Assessment Bodies

1. This Protocol is developed in accordance with Section X of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic EAEU (hereinafter - Treaty), and defines the conditions for mutual recognition of the results of the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

2. Definitions used in this Protocol are as follows:

"Appeal" means an appeal of the body for conformity assessment to the accreditation body for reconsideration of the decision taken by the accreditation body in respect of the conformity assessment body;

"Attestation of the expert on accreditation" means confirmation of compliance of the physical person with the established requirements of and the recognition of its competence to conduct works on accreditation;

"Complaint" means a statement that contains an expression of dissatisfaction with the actions (or inaction) of the conformity assessment body or accreditation body by any person and requiring an answer;

"Applicant for accreditation" means a legal entity registered in accordance with the legislation of the member States and claiming to be accredited as a conformity assessment body;

"Accreditation body" means the body or juridical entity authorized under the legislation of the member State to carry out accreditation;

"Technical expert" means a physical person who possesses special knowledge in a particular field of accreditation, called and appointed by the accreditation body to

participate in the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and included in the register of technical experts;

"Expert on accreditation" means a physical person designated and certified by the accreditation body in accordance with the legislation of a member State to carry out the procedure of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and included into the register of experts on accreditation.

3. Member States shall carry out the harmonization of legislation in the field of accreditation by:

adoption of the rules in the field of accreditation based on international standards and other documents adopted by international and regional organizations for accreditation;

use of interstate standards in accreditation, developed on the basis of international standards;

provision and organization of inter-laboratory comparison test (inter-laboratory comparisons);

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

Member States mutually recognize the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (including certification bodies and testing laboratories (centers)) in the national accreditation systems of the member States provided the accreditation bodies meet the provisions of Article 54 of the Treaty.

4. Accreditation bodies exercise the following powers:

1) carry out the formation and maintenance of:

register of accredited conformity assessment bodies;

register of experts on accreditation;

registry of technical experts;

national part of a common registry of conformity assessment bodies of the EAEU;

2) provide information from registers of accredited conformity assessment bodies, accreditation experts and technical experts, as well as other information and documents related to accreditation and provided by the Treaty to the integrated information system of the EAEU;

3) provide an opportunity for representatives of accreditation bodies to carry out mutual comparative assessments in order to achieve equivalence of procedures applied in the member States;

4) consider and decide on the appeals filed by conformity assessment bodies to revise the decisions taken by the accreditation body in respect of these conformity assessment bodies;

5) consider and adopt decisions on complaints from individuals or legal entities of member States on the activities of accreditation bodies, as well as on the activities of accredited conformity assessment bodies.

5. Current information about the accreditation body is provided by it to the Commission for placing on the official website of the EAEU on the Internet.

6. In order to ensure an equivalent level of competence of accreditation experts and technical experts accreditation bodies ensure harmonization of requirements for the competence of accreditation experts and technical experts.