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Procedures for Assessment of Conformity by Non-Governmental Bodies

8.1 Members shall take such reasonable measures as may be available to them to ensure that non-governmental bodies within their territories which operate conformity assessment procedures comply with the provisions of Articles 5 and 6, with the exception of the obligation to notify proposed conformity assessment procedures. In addition, Members shall not take measures which have the effect of, directly or indirectly, requiring or encouraging such bodies to act in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of Articles 5 and 6.

8.2 Members shall ensure that their central government bodies rely on conformity assessment procedures operated by non-governmental bodies only if these latter bodies comply with the provisions of Articles 5 and 6, with the exception of the obligation to notify proposed conformity assessment procedures.

1.2 Related decisions and recommendations of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

1.2.1 General

1. See the Decision of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Committee) on principles for the development of international standards, guides and recommendations with relation to Articles 2 and 5 of and Annex 3 to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement).¹

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¹ The text of the decision is contained in [G/TBT/1/Rev.14](#), pp. 62-64.