



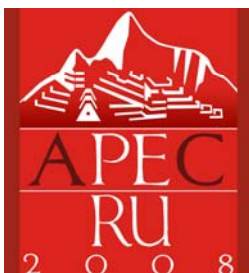
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MRA for Equivalence of Technical Requirements Appendix A Updated

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MRA for Equivalence of Technical Requirements Appendix A – Procedures

This document is intended to detail the general procedures for how to implement the MRA for Equivalence of Technical Requirements.

1. A party who would like to request equivalence for a technical requirement analyses two or more economies' technical requirement and generates a proposal comparing and demonstrating the equivalence of the technical requirements of economies under consideration.
 - a. The proposal should clearly identify what equivalence is being requested for.
 - b. The proposal should provide a detailed comparison for each economy's technical requirements for which equivalence is requested.
 - c. The proposal should identify all differences between each economy's technical requirements and justify why the differences are acceptable for all involved economies.
2. Since this MRA is a government to government arrangement, the requesting party should then submit all supporting information to the regulatory authority in its own economy.
3. The regulatory authority of the requesting party should review the proposal. If it supports the proposal, it should forward the proposal and a brief summary with contact information to all regulatory authorities specified in the request and notify the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair. At the next meeting the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair will forward the summary of the technical requirements being considered for equivalence to the task force and the economies involved. For additional details on the request for equivalence, economies may contact the regulatory authorities identified in the summary provided by the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair.
4. Economies that are informed through the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair and wish to participate in the arrangement should generate a proposal comparing and demonstrating the equivalence of the technical requirements and submit it to the regulatory authorities in each economy specified in the request and provide a brief summary to the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair.
5. Receiving regulatory authorities specified in the request should review and make a determination on equivalence which could be:
 - a. Full equivalence.
 - b. No equivalency and the regulatory authority should provide the reasons why there is no equivalence.
 - c. There are differences which are acceptable by the receiving regulatory authority.
6. The receiving regulatory authorities should notify the requesting economies and the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair of the determination . At the next meeting the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair will inform the Task Force of the outcome.
7. It would be up to the economies to decide when they would begin their implementation. It is noted that in order to implement this MRA, most economies

will have to make changes to their regulations and develop new administrative procedures. Upon the arrangement becoming operational or withdrawal from the arrangement, economies should notify the APEC TEL MRA Task Force Chair who will inform the Task Force at the next meeting.