

Note to the Chair of the APEC Telecommunications Working Group

cc. Chair of the APEC TEL MRA Task Force

Australia; Hong Kong, China; Singapore and Chinese Taipei have previously provided to you their formal statements of intention to implement the APEC Telecommunications Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APEC TEL MRA) from July 1999.

This further information note is to advise you that, in accordance with the APEC TEL MRA, the four economies are ready, on completion of the remaining annexes, to implement Phase I of the APEC TEL MRA relying on mutual recognition arrangements among our accreditation bodies to secure and simplify our participation in this Arrangement.

In accordance with Paragraph 7 of the MRA, we will recognise the Conformity Assessment Bodies accredited by our accreditation bodies, operating under their own mutual recognition arrangements. We will accept the results of Conformity Assessment Procedures performed by those bodies to meet the technical requirements of the technical regulations listed in our annexes, including the telecommunications, electromagnetic compatibility and electrical safety requirements of those technical regulations.

Our intention is to assist partner economies to move toward an open and transparent system of conformity assessment and to encourage the use of accreditation bodies within the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) framework to provide a trusted framework for the acceptance of equipment into importing economies.

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