



Heads Up

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To: All ACLASS Staff, Customers, Assessors and Interested Parties

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Re: U.S.-Mexico Telecommunication Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) Signed

On May 26, 2011, the U.S. and Mexico signed a Telecommunication MRA, which will ease the burden on U.S. manufacturers who are seeking to export telecommunications products to Mexico. Under the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment, Mexican regulatory authorities will accept tests performed by recognized U.S. laboratories to determine the conformity of telecommunications equipment with Mexican technical requirements, rather than requiring additional testing before the American products can be sold in Mexico.

This agreement will permit recognized U.S. laboratories to test telecommunications products for conformity with Mexican technical requirements, and vice versa. This saves manufacturers the time and expense of additional product testing and lowers prices for consumers. The agreement covers equipment subject to telecommunications regulation, including wire and wireless equipment, and terrestrial and satellite equipment. Under the agreement, both parties have committed to undertake confidence building measures during an 18 month transition period, which will include joint meetings and training opportunities for government officials involved in designating and recognizing testing laboratories and reviewing test reports.

The MRA fully preserves the authority of the U.S. FCC to determine the level of safety protection it considers appropriate and in no way lowers current U.S safety requirements.

For additional information and to view the full text of the MRA please click [here](#).