

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

APEC-TEL (Telecommunications)

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Telecommunications and Information Working Group ([APEC TEL](#)) has implemented a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) to facilitate trade of telecommunication equipment between [member countries](#).

This agreement provides for:

- mutual recognition by the importing Parties of Conformity Assessment Bodies, and
- mutual acceptance of the results of testing and equipment certification procedures undertaken by those bodies.

In regard to EMC conformity assessment of telecommunications equipment, New Zealand recognises testing by an accredited test house where the accreditation body concerned has a mutual recognition arrangement with [International Accreditation New Zealand \(IANZ\)](#).

Typical equipment includes:

- fax machines
- telephones
- cordless telephones
- telephone answering devices.

APEC-TEL has implemented a [Mutual Recognition Arrangement task force](#) working to streamline the Conformity Assessment Procedures for a wide range of telecommunications and telecommunications-related equipment and to facilitate trade among the APEC member economies.

APEC-EE (Electrical and Electronic Equipment)

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation - Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APEC-EE) MRA is an expression of intent by the Participating Member Economies to work together in their mutual interest and does not create legally binding international obligations.

This arrangement is under development and applies to new electrical and electronic equipment that is intended to be either directly connected or plugged-in to the low voltage power supply (as defined in [IEC standards](#)) or is battery powered, and which is not subject to the APEC Telecommunications MRA. This arrangement does not apply to medical equipment.

Information Exchange - deals with the exchange of information between participating member economies.

Mutual Recognition of Test Reports - sets out the general principles relating to the acceptance of test reports and the mechanism for participating in this Part.

New Zealand already recognises testing by any accredited test house where the accreditation body concerned has a mutual recognition arrangement with International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ).

Mutual Recognition of Certification - sets out the general principles for the mutual recognition of certificates of conformity and the mechanism for participating in this Part.

New Zealand supports the application of all aspects of mutual recognition in product certification and labelling.

