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(Submitted by email)

Subject: REC-CB, Draft Issue 2, and REC-LAB, Draft Issue 8

Dear Josette Gallant,

In November 2023, the Department requested that RABC review the draft second issue of REC-CB, *Recognition Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies* " specifies the recognition criteria and procedures used by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) in the recognition of Canadian and foreign entities as certification bodies (CBs), under the terms of Mutual Recognition Agreements/Arrangements (MRAs) or any other equivalent agreement or arrangement, to certify products to Canadian regulatory requirements. In parallel, the Department requested the review of REC-LAB, Draft Issue 8, *Procedure for the Recognition of Testing Laboratories to Test/Assess to Canadian requirements*; and the related *Testing laboratory technical assessment checklist* (Issue 2). The Board assigned the review of the standard to the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Committee. At the request of the Department, RABC also posted the draft standard on its website to facilitate comments from Canada's World Trade Organization (WTO) partners.

The EMC Committee held one meeting to review the revised standard, during which feedback was provided to the Department. Members of the Committee have not raised any concerns with the proposed update to the standard.

In addition, RABC received 19 sets of comments via the WTO portal on the Board's website. The comments were forwarded to the Department for consideration.

The Board has now completed its review. We appreciate having had the opportunity to review the updated standard.

Sincerely,



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General Manager