

## **CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FROM CERTIFICATION BODIES - SCHEDULE 3**

The criteria below is to be applied to the assessment of all applications for accreditation in accordance with the requirements of the EEE MRA. Applicants that meet the criteria will be eligible for consideration for financial support from the Ministry to cover the application and programme fees and assessment costs for two years of accreditation up to the value of NZ\$15,000 plus GST (if any).

### **Assessment Criteria**

1. The applicant must hold a current accreditation to ISO/IEC Guide 65 and related International Accreditation Forum guidance;
2. The applicant must provide information:
  - a. on the experience the organisation has in product certification indicating where the organisation has experience for more than two years or has issued more than 20 certificates in the field or fields that relates to its proposed scope of accreditation;
  - b. on the organisation's technical and management competence to carry out certification for Specified Products for compliance with the applicable Mandatory Requirements under the EEE MRA within the scope for which the organisation is to be accepted or designated; and
  - c. demonstrating that the proposed inspectors meet the criteria as defined in Implementing Arrangement 1 – Schedule 2 of the EEE MRA.
3. The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of products-related standards, including any deviations required, the applicable CCC Implementation Rules and other Chinese Mandatory Requirements, within the scope that it is to be accepted or designated for;
4. The applicant must demonstrate commitment to maintain accreditation in accordance with the EEE MRA for at least 2 years following the granting of accreditation;
5. The applicant must confirm a commitment to achieve accreditation within 6 months of the date of the expression of interest; and
6. The applicant must submit a completed Form 27 as required by JAS-ANZ.