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**DESIRED ATTRIBUTES OF THE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

The standards for assessing products, the process used to develop those standards, and the process used to evaluate products should have the following characteristics and attributes:

- The assessment standards should be simple and clear.
- The assessment standards should be harmonized globally as much as possible. If possible they should take into consideration the European electronic equipment directives.
- The assessment standards should be outcome oriented, providing as much flexibility as possible as to how to achieve the desired outcomes.
- The assessment standards should encourage and reward innovation in meeting the basic objectives of the system.
- The assessment system should protect proprietary information of the applicants regarding product design.
- The assessment standards should be developed with multi-stakeholder involvement.
- The standard development process and product evaluation system should be transparent.
- The product assessment process should not be time-consuming and should not present a significant delay in getting product to market.
- The product assessment process should be low cost to the applicant.