

Latest Relevant Provisions on the Mainland's Support to Hong Kong's Testing and Certification Sector

CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services

Liberalisation of Trade in Services (extracted from Table 2 of Annex 1) |

1. Business Services | F. Other Business Services | e. Technical testing and analysis services – revised article with effect from 1 March 2019

To allow testing organisations in Hong Kong to cooperate with designated Mainland organisations to undertake testing of products for the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System on all products processed or manufactured in the Mainland that require CCC. These testing organisations have to be accredited by the accreditation body of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (i.e. the Hong Kong Accreditation Service) to be competent in performing testing of the relevant products under the CCC System.

CEPA Agreement on Trade in Goods

Article 58 – Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. The two sides shall seek to facilitate the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the other side, with a view to increasing efficiency and ensuring cost effectiveness of conformity assessments.
3. The two sides agree to encourage their conformity assessment bodies to work more closely with a view to facilitating the mutual acceptance of conformity assessment results.

Article 59 – Technical Cooperation

3. With a view to increasing their mutual understanding of their respective systems, enhancing capacity building and facilitating trade, the two sides shall strengthen their technical cooperation in the following areas:

- (ii) encouraging cooperation between conformity assessment bodies of the two sides

Article 68 – Trade Facilitation Measures in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The two sides agree, on the principles of mutually beneficial cooperation and facilitation of coordinated development, that the nine Pearl River Delta municipalities and Hong Kong shall implement the following measures:

- (v) To promote the mutual recognition of inspection and quarantine results on low risk goods, except for plants and animals and products from plants and animals, food and medicines, between the two sides.
- (vi) To explore the expansion of the scope of acceptance of third party inspection, testing and certification results with respect to commodities and institutions, and provide expedited customs clearance treatment.

Note: Please go to the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification's website at <https://www.hkctc.gov.hk/en/cepa/index.html> for provisions relating to testing and certification in other CEPA agreements.

Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

Chapter Six | Section 3 Expediting the Development of Modern Service Industries

- To deepen the implementation of liberalisation measures for service sectors of Hong Kong and Macao under the respective CEPAs with the Mainland, ... and further the development of professional services such as ... testing and certification
- To support Greater Bay Area enterprises in using services of Hong Kong such as testing and certification.

Chapter Nine | Section 3 Joining Hands to Expand Opening Up

- Support enterprises in Hong Kong and Macao in connecting with external economic and trade cooperation zones, jointly expand global markets, and lead the Greater Bay Area's products, equipment, technologies, standards, testing and certification, and management services etc. to "go global".