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Implementation Guide for

Hong Kong and Macao

Testing Organisations undertaking Testing Services for

Mainland Food Related Certification

1. Basis

According to Supplement IX to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and Supplement IX to the Mainland and Macao CEPA, the scope of testing services for supporting certification in the Mainland that can be undertaken by Hong Kong and Macao testing organisations is to be expanded, on a pilot basis in Guangdong Province, to cover food.

2. Coverage

(1) Place of Origin of Products

Applicable to certification of food and farm products produced or processed in Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong Province and associated business activities.

(2) Types of Certification

Applicable to food related certification with implementation rules promulgated by the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA) (i.e. certification on organic products, Good Agricultural Practice, Food Safety Management System (FSMS), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) System, HACCP for milk products, food quality (wine), Good Manufacturing Practice for milk products) and other food certification introduced by certification bodies on their own and reported to CNCA for record.

3. Qualification Requirements for Testing Organisations

Testing organisations located in Hong Kong and Macao shall be competent in performing the relevant testing activities and be accredited by the accreditation body of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) or the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) for the testing. Competence of the organisations shall be continuously monitored through regular reassessments by the

accreditation bodies.

Should any testing organisations fail to comply with the relevant accreditation requirements or voluntarily withdraw or suspend their accreditation for the relevant testing, the accreditation body of the Government of HKSAR or the Government of MSAR shall notify CNCA.

4. Procedures

(1) Testing organisations in Hong Kong and Macao that fulfil the relevant requirements and are interested in undertaking testing activities for the applicable types of certification can liaise with qualified Mainland certification bodies for co-operation. Contact information of qualified Mainland certification bodies and their scope of services are available on the website of CNCA (www.cnca.gov.cn).

(2) In accordance with the relevant basic specifications and implementation rules for certification, testing organisations are required to establish an agreement with qualified Mainland certification bodies and undertake testing activities within the agreed scope of work. The certification bodies shall report the

co-operation agreement to CNCA for record. CNCA will then announce on its website the names of the Hong Kong or Macao testing organisations that have entered into the co-operation agreement with Mainland certification bodies, and notify the Administration of Quality and Technology Supervision of Guangdong Province (GDAQTS).

(3) Upon receiving notification from the accreditation body of the Government of HKSAR or the Government of MSAR that a Hong Kong or Macao testing organisation no longer fulfils the relevant requirements, CNCA will inform the concerned certification body. The certification body shall make adjustment to its co-operation agreement with the testing organisation and report the changes to CNCA. CNCA will revise the list of testing organisations on its website and notify GDAQTS.

(4) If a testing organisation breaches any laws and regulations for certification and accreditation, or breaches relevant implementation rules for certification, in the course of conducting its business under the co-operation agreement in the

Mainland, CNCA will notify the responsible department of the Government of HKSAR or the Government of MSAR after investigation by the relevant quality supervision administration of the Mainland.

5. Others

Sole proprietorships or joint ventures set up in Guangdong Province by Hong Kong and Macao testing organisations are also encouraged to take part in food testing activities in the Mainland.

These establishments in Guangdong can engage in the relevant testing activities upon obtaining the required laboratory qualifications, which are assessed by GDAQTS.

6. Contact

(1) For contact information of certification bodies, please visit the websites of CNCA (www.cnca.gov.cn) and the database on Chinese food and agricultural products certification (food.cnca.cn).

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