China’s Conformity Assessment Procedures

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Law on Product Quality

Purpose

1) Supervise, manage and improve product quality
2) Define corresponding responsibilities
3) Protect legitimate rights and interests of consumers.

Requirements

The product quality certification system shall be implemented in accordance with the up-to-date international product standards and technical requirements.
Law on Import and Export Commodity Inspection

Purpose

1) Strengthen import and export commodity inspection
2) Regulate inspection behaviors
3) Safeguard social public interests and legitimate rights and interests of the parties involved in import and export trade
4) Promote the foreign economic and trade relations.

Requirements

1) Import and export commodities falling into the catalogue shall be inspected by the commodity inspection authority.
2) The compulsory commodity inspection refers to the conformity assessment which determines whether the import and export commodities listed in the catalogue meet the national compulsory technical standards or not.
**Law on Standardization**

**Purpose**

1) Achieve economic development, technical progress and higher product quality

2) Enhance social and economic benefits and safeguard the national and people’s interests

**Requirements**

1) Encourage adoption of international standard.

2) Compulsory standard:
   - safeguarding human health, personal and property safety, and those required by administrative laws and regulations as mandatory
   - must be enforced. Product which fails to conform to compulsory standards can not be produced, sold or imported

3) Recommended standard
Regulation on Certification and Accreditation

**Purpose**

1) Regulate certification and accreditation activities
2) Improve quality of product and service, and management level
3) Promote economic and social development.

**Requirements**

1) Implement a unified certification and accreditation supervision and administration system.
2) Encourage international mutual recognition of certification and accreditation under the principle of equality and mutual benefit.
Other related regulations

- Regulation on Management of Compulsory Product Certification Mark
- Interim Measures for Management of Low-Carbon Product Certification
- Regulation on Railway Product Certification
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For further information, please refer to the website of CNCA (http://www.cnca.gov.cn/)
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Decentralized Management

1979 CEPREI adopted IECQ certification scheme in China, milestone for third-party certification in China.

Centralized Management

The accreditation conducted by different organizations according to work division.

Unified System

2006 CNAS was established, and the accreditation was conducted under the one unified accreditation authority.
Major principles

- Encourage adoption of international standard in certification and accreditation
- Adopt international practices in accreditation
- Participate in the international multilateral agreement (MLA) on mutual recognition
CNAS is currently a formal member of

Description of Abbreviations:
- IAF : International Accreditation Forum
- ILAC : International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
- APLAC : Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
- PAC : Pacific Accreditation Cooperation
Current status

By the end of 2013:

- 174 certification bodies approved, including 136 accredited by CNAS.
- 1,163,817 certificates issued:

Data from *China Certification and Accreditation Yearbook 2014*
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Governance Mechanism

Description of abbreviations:
AQSIQ: State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
CNCA: Administration of Certification & Accreditation of China
CNAS: National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment
CCAA: China Certification and Accreditation Association

Certification body, Laboratory, Inspection body

Local quality and technical supervision departments, and inspection and quarantine departments

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