

**Mainland and Hong Kong
Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)**

Frequently Asked Questions

Technical Testing, Analysis and Product Testing Services

- 1. Compared to the previous Supplements/Agreements signed under CEPA, what further liberalisation measures relating to testing and certification (“T&C”) have been introduced in the Second Agreement concerning Amendment to the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services (“Amendment Agreement II”) signed in October 2024?**

The Amendment Agreement II further expands the business scope by **removing the geographical restriction under the China Compulsory Certification (“CCC”) system** that can be undertaken by Hong Kong T&C bodies. The new liberalisation measures include: –

- **On CCC factory inspection:** To expand **from manufacturers located in the whole Mainland to manufacturers in any place.**
- **On selection of CCC post-certification test samples:** To expand **from manufacturers located in the whole Mainland to manufacturers in any place.**

The above measures come into effect on **1 March 2025**. Detailed arrangements on the implementation of the above measures can be found in the [Implementation Guide](#) promulgated in February 2025.

- 2. What are the application procedures for testing organisations in Hong Kong to participate in testing of CCC products?**

According to the CEPA’s [Implementation Guide](#) (promulgated in May 2020), there are **two requirements** for testing organisations in Hong Kong to meet in order to engage in testing CCC products –

- (a) to be **accredited by Hong Kong Accreditation Service (“HKAS”)** under its Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (“HOKLAS”) as a proof of competence in performing CCC product testing; and

- (b) enter into a **cooperation agreement with designated Mainland certification bodies.**

The procedure for cooperation between HKAS-accredited laboratory and a CCC designated certification body is available at HKAS' website (<https://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/accreditation/ccc.html>).

3. What are the application procedures for certification bodies in Hong Kong to participate in CCC factory inspection and selection of post-certification test samples?

According to the CEPA's [Implementation Guide](#) (promulgated in February 2025), there are **two requirements** for certification bodies in Hong Kong to meet in order to engage in CCC factory inspection and selection of post-certification test samples –

- (a) enter into a **cooperation agreement with designated Mainland certification bodies**; and
- (b) submit application for **registration of the CCC product certification inspectors to the China Certification and Accreditation Association (“CCAA”)** through the designated Mainland CCC product certification bodies.