

## *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 November 2019 Agreement concerning Amendment of the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services (“Amendment Agreement”)?**

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

- On the scope of testing of CCC products that can be undertaken by qualified Hong Kong testing organisations in collaboration with designated Mainland organisations: To expand from products processed or manufactured in the Mainland or processed in Hong Kong to products processed or manufactured in any place (including places outside China).
- On the geographical coverage of CCC factory inspection that can be undertaken by qualified certification bodies in Hong Kong in collaboration with designated Mainland organisations: To expand from manufacturers located in the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone to manufacturers in the whole Mainland; and to add a new task that can be undertaken by qualified certification bodies in Hong Kong, i.e. selection of post-certification test samples at factories manufacturing CCC products in the whole Mainland.

The above measures came into effect on 1 June 2020. The Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People’s Republic of China (“CNCA”) has promulgated the [implementation guide](#) on the revised and new liberalisation measures.

Further information on T&C-related liberalisation measures under CEPA is available at the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification website (<https://www.hkctc.gov.hk/en/cepa/index.html>).

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

According to the [Implementation Guide](#) promulgated in May 2020 on the Articles relating to T&C in the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services revised in November 2019, any testing organisations engaging in testing business for products under the CCC System have 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. In addition, the testing organisations concerned have to enter into a cooperation agreement with designated Mainland certification bodies. Requirements on the testing organisations concerned could be viewed at HKAS’s website (<https://www.itc.gov.hk/en/quality/hkas/accreditation/ccc.html>).