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China Information Security Certification Centre officially begins operation, relevant compulsory certification to begin

The China Information Security Certification Centre/ISCCC begins operation in July 2007. China information security certification is to begin shortly. Information Security Certification includes compulsory certification and voluntary certification. Product scope for compulsory information security certification has not yet been published. It will be sent to WTO-TBT shortly.

ISCCC is a direct subsidiary of AQS/Q. ISCCC is authorised by the State Council, the Ministry of State Security, the Ministry of Public Security, MII, AQS/Q, CNCA, etc. Eight relevant government authorities are to execute certification activity for information security.

The ISCCC website is at www.isccc.gov.cn.

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CCC implementation rule for wireless products updated; China Information Security Certification Centre authorised to replace all of the current executive bodies for this rule


ISCCC is notified by CNCA as the authorised certification body for the wireless products covered in CNCA—11C—048: 2007. In the meantime, qualification as the authorised certification body for the wireless products covered in CNCA—11C—048: 2007 of CQC, CEMC and CESI has been withdrawn.

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One Low-voltage switchgear assembly standard referenced in CCC has been updated

One Low-voltage switchgear assembly standard, GB 7251.4-2006: Low-voltage Switchgear and Control Equipment Part 4: the special requirements of complete sets of equipment (ACS) for builders, will take effect on June 1, 2007

Please note:

1. Since June 1, 2007, certification and testing must be implemented according to the new version of the standard.

2. For products which have been certified with CCC and for which complete CCC type-test reports have been issued, the owner must submit a certificate of compliance with the new requirements and must also submit a product sample for confirmation of additional inspection terms for the terms in the new version of the standard which have been amended with respect to the former version. This must be performed between the new standard implementation date and the next CCC follow-up inspection date, and by June 1, 2008 at the latest. For products which have been certified with CCC by testing in accordance with the old standard, the certification body shall withdraw the CCC certificate of the products before the next follow-up inspection if the products do not possess a new certificate in accordance with the new version of the standard.

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Two storage-type water heater standards referenced in CCC have been updated

The following standards have been officially implemented as of July 1, 2007:
GB4706.12-2006: Safety of household appliances and electrical appliances for similar uses - special requirements for storage-type water heaters

Please note:

1. As of July 1, 2007, certification and testing must be implemented in accordance with the new version of the standard.

2. Given that major differences exist between the new and old versions of the standard, the owner must submit a certificate of compliance with the new requirements for products which have been certified with
CCC, and must also submit to overall inspection according to the requirements set out in the new version of the standard. This must be performed between the new standard implementation date and the next CCC follow-up inspection date, and by July 1, 2008 at the latest. Testing laboratories must issue test reports for the products which have passed the test. For products which have been certified with CCC by testing in accordance with the old version of the standard, the certification body shall withdraw the CCC certificate of the products prior to the next follow-up inspection should the products not pass the test in accordance with the new version of the standard.

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Use of CFCs forbidden and certification of CCC household appliances using CFCs to be withdrawn

In accordance with the notice "of the prohibition of the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) as refrigerants and foam material in the production, sale, import and export of household appliances" (UNCED letter [2007] 200), hereinafter referred to as the "cut-chloro Notice"), issued jointly by the State Environmental Protection Administration and four further ministries, CNCA has announced the corresponding CCC certification management and requirements of household appliances as follows:

Firstly, household appliance products listed in the CCC content of the "cut-chloro Notice" which use CFC as refrigerants and foam material must be identified and their CCC certificate cancelled by the certification agencies before September 1, 2007;
Secondly, products using chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) as refrigerants and foam material and the CCC certificates of which have been withdrawn may not be delivered, sold, imported or used.

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CNCA requires foreign laboratories to obtain qualification accreditation in China

As announced by CNCA, foreign laboratories engaged in product quality inspection, calibration, and the certification of data and results in China, shall obtain qualification accreditation. The requirements are as follows:

1. CNCA is to be responsible for the qualification accreditation of laboratories under foreign control in China and is to supervise their activities; provincial quality and technology supervisory authorities are to be responsible for the acceptance, approval and supervision of the task of inspecting laboratories under foreign control within their administrative areas.
2. Secondly, only laboratories under foreign control (hereinafter referred to as “the applicant”) that meet the following conditions may apply for qualification:
   (1) they are acting in an independent corporate capacity in China; (2) they possess over three years’ experience in correlation, detection and calibration activities in the countries or regions; (3) they possess registered capital, equipment, venues, personnel, and other relevant resources that suit the scope of their business applications; (4) they have in place the quality system required by the "quality accreditation standards of laboratories" and "generic requirements concerning testing and calibration of laboratory capacity" (GB slide ISO/I EC17025-1999), and they have been in effective operation for more than six months; (5) they meet other legal regulations and conditions.
3. The applicant shall submit a written application to the provincial seat of the quality and technical supervision department. The application shall contain the following materials and supporting documents:
   (1) “application form for laboratory competency confirmation” (download from the state commission’s website at www.cnca.gov.cn, administrative license columns); (2) proof of identity of the legal person and legal representative in China; (3) evidence of registered capital and evidence of related offshore test and calibration business; (4) the competency manuals and procedures directory; (5) report of typical test and calibration; (6) description and evidence of the ability to participate in verification and certification; (7) submission of other documentation as required by state laws.
   Should a provincial Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision raise objections to an applicant, the applicant may appeal to the national commission or propose a written application for confirmation of
competency to the national commission.

4. Provincial quality and technology supervision departments shall deal with the applications for quality standardization in accordance with the procedures and requirements set out by the "PRC Administrative Licensing Law" and the "Quality confirmation of laboratories and inspection body management approach". Laboratories under foreign control applying for competency confirmation and receiving confirmation are issued a certificate.

5. The certification procedures for laboratories under foreign control that have obtained certification from national authorized institutions (hereinafter AIs) are to be simplified in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of assessment.

6. Any change in legal representative, business name, registered office address or other information relating to laboratories under foreign control that have obtained a certificate must be reported to the confirmation issuing authority within 30 days.

7. New testing and calibration branch offices of laboratories under foreign control for which confirmation has already been issued may begin operations only upon the approval of their application by the provincial or local quality and technology supervision departments responsible for the branches.

8. In accordance with the legislation, the state commission CNCA conducts supervision and inspection of the competence of the laboratories under foreign control and of their activities; provincial quality and technology supervision departments are responsible for routine supervision and inspection of laboratories under foreign control in their administrative area; organs for entry and exit inspection and quarantine directly subordinate to the central government are responsible for supervision and inspection of the laboratories under foreign control in their administrative area that are engaged in the inspection of import and export commodities; in accordance with the relevant acts, administrative rules and regulations, measures will be taken should laboratories under foreign control fail to meet the requirements.

9. Laboratories under foreign control applying for confirmation must pay costs in accordance with the relevant regulations of the state.

10. This regulation also applies to competency confirmation of laboratories funded by Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan.

11. The notice will take effect on January 1, 2008.

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China compulsory energy labelling to be extended to 20 products

The Energy Efficiency Management Centre of the China Institute for Standardization has announced that compulsory energy efficiency labelling will be conducted in China on frequency-converting air-conditioners, gas heaters, electric heaters and electromagnetic ovens.

By the end of the “11th Five-Year Plan” in 2010, compulsory labelling of energy efficiency will be expanded to include 20 categories of products, including household appliances, automobiles, architecture, motors, and offices. Labelling in other industries will continue, but the number of levels will be reduced from the current five to three.

China has imposed compulsory energy efficiency labelling since March 1, 2005. Products are assigned labels indicating 5 levels of energy efficiency depending upon their power consumption. Level 1 is the highest level. Any product with a level lower than 5 may not be marketed.

Compulsory labelling and recording of energy efficiency is currently being implemented for household air-conditioners, washing machines and refrigerators.

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