

# Sectoral Cooperation between the Dept. Of Supervision on Inspection of the State General Administration of the People's Republic of China for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) and DG Enterprise of the Commission of the European Communities (ECC) led by the Enterprise Policy Directorate, concerning the Sino-EU Terms of Reference on Industrial Products Safety<sup>1</sup> Coordination

## 1. PRINCIPLES

Aiming to ensure the safety of European and Chinese consumers, to promote EU-China trade in industrial products and to strengthen the co-operation and exchange between the EU and China on industrial products safety, under the 1985 EU-China Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement, the Department of Supervision on Inspection of the State General Administration of the People's Republic of China for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) and DG Enterprise of the Commission of the European Communities (ECC) (hereinafter referred as the two parties) have held discussions in Beijing on the set-up of 'Sino-EU Industrial Products Safety Coordination and Cooperation'<sup>2</sup>.

The set-up of 'Sino-EU Industrial Products Safety Coordination and Cooperation' will enhance coordination and cooperation in issues concerning industrial products safety.

The present 'Industrial Products Safety Coordination and Cooperation' will be a part of the 'Sino-EU Dialogue on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine' under discussion and construction between AQSIQ and EU.

The two parties have agreed on the following Terms of Reference for their cooperation (hereinafter referred as the Terms of Reference):

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The two sides believe that exchange, co-operation and the establishment of the Terms of Reference will help enhance understanding and enhance bilateral co-operation between Europe and China in the field of industrial products safety. It will help establish a communication channel and development of common views,

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<sup>1</sup> Industrial products safety: issues such as safety inspection, technical regulations, standards, conformity assessment for industrial products.

<sup>2</sup> For the ECC, this is within the field of enterprise policy.

will help solve problems encountered in trade, therefore will be of benefit to both sides.

The main objectives are:

- To establish communication channels on industrial products safety;
- To establish cooperation framework concerning industrial products safety;
- To exchange information on industrial products safety and policies;
- To resolve safety problems of industrial products imported by each side, and make best efforts to minimize the effects of any derived problems.

### **3. WORKING PROCEDURES**

The two parties agree, under the present Terms of Reference, to hold annual meetings to discuss major issues related to industrial products safety, solve eventual problems related to the work of sectoral nature, and lay down the working plan for the following year.

The annual meetings will be held alternatively in China and Europe, each side represented at director level.

### **4. WORKING GROUPS**

The establishment of appropriate working groups will be decided at the annual meeting. Each working group will be responsible for making and implementation of its working plan.

At this year's meeting, the two Parties agree to establish relevant working groups on sectoral issues as listed in Annex I.

### **5. CONTACT POINTS**

The two parties agree to set up one daily contact point to facilitate daily contact and for the implementation of the Terms of Reference in specific domains of interest.

General contact point for the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection of AQSIQ

General contact point for the European Commission side: the Enterprise Policy Directorate, DG Enterprise of the EC Commission

Specific contact points and contact persons are listed in Annex II.

## 6. COSTS

The two parties agree to share the costs incurred by the above activities as follows:

Each party will cover its own costs, including transportation costs for international travelling, travelling between cities and accommodation. Each party will provide active support and assistance to the other.

## 7. RECORD


Minutes will be written in both English and Chinese after each session of the annual meetings.

## 8. REVISION CLAUSE

The two parties agree to revise, if appropriate, during their annual meeting, the content of the Terms of Reference.

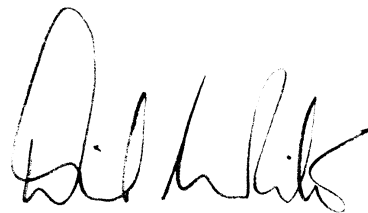
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For the Department of Supervision  
on Inspection of the State General  
Administration of the people's  
Republic of China for Quality  
Supervision and Inspection and  
Quarantine



AQSIQ Representative

For Enterprise Policy Directorate,  
DG Enterprise of the Commission  
of the European Communities



DG Enterprise Representative

## **-ANNEX I : Relevant Working Groups-**

On the occasion of the inaugural meeting in Beijing on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2001, the two parties agree to set up the following Working Groups :

- I. Group on electrical safety;
- II. Group on medical devices;
- III. Group on toys;
- IV. Group on lighters.

Group on electrical safety

Group leader of the Chinese side: Shan Wei

Group leader of the European Commission Side: Enterprise DG unit G3, Mr. Pablo Fernandez-Ruiz

Group on medical devices

Group leader of the Chinese side: Yang Wanshan

Group leader of the European Commission Side: Enterprise DG unit G4, Mr. C. Brekelmans

Group on toys

Group leader of the Chinese side: Hao Yilei

Group leader of the European Commission Side: Enterprise DG unit E5, Ms. Nikita Stampa

Group on lighters

Group leader of the Chinese side: Yu Qunli

Group leader of the European Commission Side: Health & Consumer Protection DG unit B4, Mr. Erik Hansson.

Specific work of each Working Groups are to be carried out by the groups leaders of both sides in accordance with the present Terms of Reference.

## - ANNEX II: CONTACT PERSONS –

On the occasion of the inaugural meeting in Beijing on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2001, the two parties agree to designate the following contact point:

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