



**Consultation Mechanism on industrial products and  
WTO/TBT**

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## **Constructive and fruitful discussions on a wide range of issues.**

Main topics include:

- **Exchange of information on recent regulatory developments in the EU and China** – Focus on the EU New Legislative Framework and the Draft Amendment to the CCC Framework Regulation
- **Implementation of the deliverables in the conformity assessment area** – Focus on the EU side proposals for the streamlining and simplification of the CCC system and the Chinese side proposals, especially for low risk products, and to establish links between CNCA and DG Enterprise website and to address issues relating to voluntary recognition of foreign test results by EU conformity assessment bodies
- **CNCA proposed rules on compulsory certification of IT products in relation to information security requirements** – Chinese side announced postponement of the measure and that knowledge and experience from foreign regulators and industry experts are welcome

## Implementation of the deliverables – state of play

- **Good progress on deliverable no. 1 (CCC application guidelines, on-line information tools on CCC latest developments)** - Translation of CCC guidelines into EN in progress; on-line publication of all CNCA decisions relating to CCC implementation and product scope issues
- **Deliverables 4 and 5 - (Facilitate recognition of foreign test results either via international schemes or bilateral agreements)** – Some progress has been achieved. The EU side encourages the Chinese side to do more and expand the scope of its participation in international schemes and of existing agreements with European CABs.

## Implementation of the deliverables – state of play (continued)

- **Deliverable 6 (Voluntary recognition of foreign test results by EU CABs)**– EU CABs already active members and users of existing international voluntary certification / recognition schemes. No need for a specific legal basis in the EU to enable this. EU side open to discuss and address outstanding concerns in a spirit of good cooperation.
- **Good progress on deliverable no. 7 (Link CNCA-DG Enterprise website)** - CNCA made concrete proposal on setting up linkage between CNCA and DG Enterprise websites - assessment of feasibility in progress

# Implementation of the deliverables – state of play (continued)

- **Deliverables 2 and 3 (Lighter procedures for low-risk products, allow foreign-owned CABs established in China to be designated under the CCC)** – Ambitious deliverables related to the structural simplification of the CCC. Agreement to continue discussions and intensify bilateral cooperation on these issues.

The EU side urges the Chinese side to consider a lighter conformity assessment regime for low risk products, as is the case in the EU legislation.

The Chinese side stresses that the CCC system is established to protect the safety of products on the Chinese market and covers only products viewed as of high risk at the current stage in China. The Chinese side also notes that flexibility in implementing CCC certification based on classification management of products and factories will be allowed in the proposed amendment to the CCC framework regulation.

## Implementation of the deliverables – state of play (continued)

- **Deliverable 11 (Unified testing and certification for ICT equipment)** – No progress on the unification of the multiples testing and certification procedures for ICT equipment.

The EU side considers it necessary to engage MIIT in these discussions and seeks ACSIQ's active support in achieving this.

The EU side suggests that the solution recently found by ACSIQ and SFDA for a unified testing for medical devices could serve as a model.

## **WORK PLAN AND PRIORITIES FOR 2009**

- **Fully achieve deliverables nn. 1 and 7**
- **Continue work on the implementation of the other deliverables** – Joint case-study projects on product safety risk assessment and impact assessment of proposed regulations, intensified cooperation on good regulatory practice issues (e.g. consultation of stakeholders, impact assessment techniques, etc.).
- **This intensive work will require two meetings of the WG and possibly a workshop during 2009**

# WORK PLAN AND PRIORITIES FOR 2009 (continued)

- **Finalisation of comparative study of EU and China conformity assessment systems** coordinated by the EU-China Trade Project – Possible Workshop to present results of the study in 2009 (combined with the one above).
- **Continue cooperation on information security issues** – The EU side recommends that technical meetings should be held in Beijing in the first half of 2009. The Chinese side has agreed to provide a prompt response to this request.
- **CNCA official to join DG Enterprise for a three-month internship in the 1st half of 2009**