

**EU-China Working Group on
Electrical and Mechanical Products**

Summary of the Group Meeting on 19 November 2008 in Brussels

for the

**7th plenary meeting of the Consultation mechanism on
Industrial products and WTO/TBT between AQSIQ and DG ENTR of the European
Commission
21st November 2008**

- The Group held a very constructive and forward looking meeting in a trustful atmosphere.
- The full day meeting was devoted to a discussion on a wide range of issues in the field of electrical and mechanical products reaching from new/amended legislation in the European Union and China, recent standardisation developments and the respective operational systems in place to detect non-complaint products and ensure the necessary communication on them.
- Both sides emphasized the need to further deepen the work of the group taking into account both, the high volume of trade in electrical and mechanical products and the concrete implications of regulatory systems for EU/Chinese economic operators.
- The Working Group identified a need for transparency and early reciprocal information on all new/amended legislation that effects electrical and mechanical products (*inter alia* environmental legislation and legislation to ensure health and safety). In this respect both sides will further examine possibilities to strengthen the existing information channels.
- The Working Group agreed to consider the organisation of at least one annual workshop on a specific topic in the mechanical/electrical area besides the annual working group meeting following the very successful example of the Electrical Safety Workshop organised in Shanghai in September 2008, either bilaterally or trilaterally in co-operation with the United States.