

**Minutes of the Meeting for Establishing the  
Consultation Mechanism on Industrial Products and  
WTO/TBT between the General Administration of  
Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the  
People's Republic of China and the Enterprise  
Directorate-General of the European Commission**

With a view to strengthening the cooperation and exchange and enhancing the smooth development between China and the European Commission on October 30, 2002, Mr. Ge Zhirong, the Vice Minister of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ), had a discussion with Mr Liikanen, Commissioner of the European Commission (hereafter referred to as "both sides") on the issue of establishing a Consultation Mechanism between both sides and reached consensus as follows (See Annex 1 for the name list of the participants):

1. In order to facilitate Sino-EU trade development, to protect the safety and health of Chinese and EU consumers, both sides agreed to set up a comprehensive consultation mechanism in the areas lying within their respective competencies, so as to establish a smooth channel for communication, technical cooperation, information exchange and personnel training.
2. Both sides agreed that the Consultation Mechanism is the Cooperation and Dialogue on industrial product safety and WTO/TBT in areas lying within AQSIQ and Enterprise DG respective responsibilities.
3. Both sides agreed that the *Sectoral Cooperation between 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 Enterprise DG 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 Coordination* should be a component of the Consultation Mechanism of which the principles are maintained.
4. Both sides agreed that when the conditions are met, the consultation on Industrial Products and WTO/TBT should be linked, to other discussions dealing with animals and plants, food safety and WTO/SPS issues and should be seen as complementary.
5. Both sides agreed to establish a High Level Steering Committee for industrial products on Sino-EU Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine issues, which can call annual meetings on an irregular time basis, to discuss about major issues on quality supervision, inspection and quarantine and work out the plan of future cooperation. The meetings will be held in turn in China and the EU. For the Chinese side, it will be chaired by the Vice Minister of AQSIQ; for the European Commission side, by the Director-General, Enterprise DG.
6. Both sides agreed to establish a Coordination Committee and working groups (see Annex 2) under the High Level Steering Committee as deemed necessary in each respective area of responsibilities to take charge of the specific liaison work for

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the consultation on industrial products and WTO/TBT. The work content and the working pattern of the coordination committee and the working groups will be decided through consultation between the two sides.

- A. Both sides have designated a contact point for the Coordination Committee on industrial product safety to be responsible for the general affairs of the safety activities between China and the European Commission.  
For the Chinese side: the Department of Supervision on Inspection, AQSIQ;  
For the EU side: the Director of the Directorate Enterprise policy, Enterprise DG.
  - B. Both sides have designated a contact point for the Coordination Committee on other issues beyond industrial products to be responsible for the general affairs of regulatory activities between China and the European Commission.  
For the Chinese side: Department of International Cooperation, AQSIQ;  
For the EU side: the Director of the Directorate Enterprise Policy, Enterprise DG.
  - C. Both sides agreed to set up Emergency Consultation Working Groups under the Consultation Mechanism for electrical safety, medical devices, toys, lighters, textile, pressure equipment, conformity assessment, standardization, technical regulation, WTO/TBT and etc. Other Working groups under the Mechanism could be established at any time provided both sides agree by exchange of letters.
7. Both sides shared the view that to guarantee the efficiency of our work for the business community, the Mechanism should ensure proper involvement at all levels of our respective industry and standardization bodies.
  8. 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.

Both sides share the view that the establishment of such an exchange and cooperation mechanism helps to promote the mutual understanding between China and the EU in the field of quality supervision, inspection and quarantine, and also helps to build a channel to solve trade problems.

This document, signed in Brussels, Belgium on October 30, 2002, is written in Chinese and English, both texts being equally authentic.

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the General Administration of Quality  
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the European Commission



Mr Erkki Liikanen

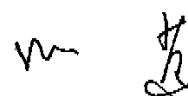
## **Annex 1: List of participants**

### For the Chinese side:

- Mr. GE Zhirong** Vice Minister of AQSIQ
- Mr. SONG MingChang** Director-General  
Department of Supervision on Health Quarantine (AQSIQ)
- Mr. QIN ZhenKui** Director-General  
Bureau of Import and Export Food Safety (AQSIQ)
- Mr. LI ShaoQing** Director-General  
Office of the WTO Affairs (AQSIQ)
- Ms. QI XiuQin** Deputy Director-General  
Department of International Cooperation (AQSIQ)
- Mr. YU YuanTang** Deputy Division Director  
Department of European Affairs (MOFTEC)
- Mr. ZHANG ChaoHua** Secretary of General Office (AQSIQ)
- Ms. MA WenXiu** Deputy Division Director  
Department of International Cooperation (AQSIQ)
- Mr. GUAN Chengyuan** Head of the Mission of the People's Republic of China to  
the European Communities
- Mr. LIU Youhou** Minister Councillor of the Chinese Mission to the European  
Communities

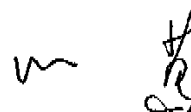
### For the European Commission side:

- Mr E. Liikanen** Member of the European Commission
- Mrs M. Wörsdörfer** Member of Cabinet of Mr Liikanen
- Mr D. White** Director, Directorate Enterprise policy, Enterprise DG
- Mr P. Jean** Head of Unit, Enterprise A2, Enterprise DG
- Mr M. Coomans** Deputy Head of Unit, Enterprise A2, Enterprise DG



## **Annex 2: Working Groups and contact points**

1. Co-ordination Committees :
  - A. Product safety
    - For the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Sun Dawei
    - For the European Commission side: Mr. David White, Director Enterprise Policy
  - B. Other Industrial Products issues
    - For the Chinese side: Department of International Cooperation, Ms. Qi Xiuqin and Ms. Ma Wenxiu
    - For the European Commission side: Mr. David White, Director Enterprise Policy
  
2. Group on electrical safety
  - For the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Shan Wei
  - For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG unit G3, Mr. Luis Montoya
  
3. Group on medical devices
  - For the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Yang Wanshan
  - For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG unit G4, Mr. C. Brekelmans
  
4. Group on toys
  - For the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Hao Yilei
  - For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG unit E5, Mr. Nikita Stampa
  
5. Group on lighters
  - For the Chinese side: Department of Supervision on Inspection, Mr. Yu Qunli
  - For the European Commission side: Health & Consumer Protection DG, unit B4, Mr. Erik Hansson
  
6. Group on conformity assessment (including certification and accreditation):
  - For the Chinese side: Department of International Cooperation, CNCA, Mr. Huang Shouyun
  - For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG Unit G1
  
7. Group on standardization:
  - For the Chinese side: State Administration of China for Standardization (SAC), Mr. Su Zhongming and Mr. Wen Shanlin
  - For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG Unit G2



8. Group on WTO/TBT:

For the Chinese side: Department of International Cooperation, Ms. Guo Xueyan

For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG, Unit G1 and Unit A2

9. Group on technical regulations:

For the Chinese side: Department of Legislation, Mr. Cao Dahai

For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG Unit G1 and Unit A2


10. Group on pressure equipment:

For the Chinese side: Bureau of Safety Supervision on Boilers and Pressure vessels, Mr. Shi Jiajun

For the European Commission side: Enterprise DG Unit G4, Mr. Cornelis Brekelmans

Groups on automotive, cableway transportation, textile and EMF for mobile phones will be established later.

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.

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