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# Experience Sharing Seminar on ISO/IEC 17025:2017

HKAS has been using ISO/IEC 17025:2017 'General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories' as the accreditation criteria for testing and calibration laboratories since 1 July 2018, and 60 assessments have been conducted so far.

On 14 and 22 November 2019, HKAS organised three seminars to share assessment findings with accredited testing and calibration laboratories, in particular, to clarify the concepts and implementation of decision rules and reporting of conformity.

This seminar was divided into three parts. In the first part, common nonconformities identified in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 assessments were presented. The presentation covered all key aspects of the new standard including the General, Structural, Resources, Process and Management System requirements. In the second part, the Head of Standards and Calibration Laboratory, Mr Tsui Cho-man, shared the principles for determination of decision rules and reporting of conformity statements, with particular emphasis on two important references viz. JCGM 106:2012 and ILAC G8:09/2019. The presentation illustrated some key concepts of conformity assessment such as acceptance and tolerance limits, binary and nonbinary decision rules, guard band, specific & global risks, consumer & producer risks, etc. In the third part of the seminar, the approach for assessing decision rules and reporting of statements of conformity according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 was discussed.

A total of 260 representatives from 99 accredited laboratories attended the seminars. Representatives from laboratories participated actively in discussion with the speakers during the seminar. Feedback from the participants was very positive and encouraging. HKAS will continue its effort in assisting laboratories to transition to ISO/ IEC 17025:2017 and organise technical seminars to accredited laboratories as necessary to build up their capability in implementing the new standard.



 HKAS officers share common assessment findings on ISO/IEC 17025:2017



 Head of Standards and Calibration Laboratory, Mr Tsui Cho-man, presents on decision rule and statement of conformity



Seminar participants

# **2019 ILAC/IAF General Assemblies and Associated Meetings**

2019 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation / International Accreditation Forum (ILAC/IAF) General Assemblies and associated meetings were held in Frankfurt, Germany from 21 to 30 October 2019. The following are highlights of the meetings.

#### ILAC

- 1. A new ILAC G27:07/2019 Guidance on measurements performed as part of an inspection process was published in August 2019. This guidance helps to ensure the validity of the measurements performed as part of inspections carried out in accordance with ISO/IEC 17020:2012. It also provides examples of measurements carried out in inspection that may need to take into account the requirements in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 15189:2012.
- 2. A new ILAC P8:03/2019 ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies was published in March 2019. Major revisions include (i) change of wording based on the publication of new editions of standards; (ii) addition of reference to accreditation of reference material producers and proficiency testing providers; and (iii) update of references to include the appropriate standards for conformity assessment activities.
- 3. ISO Technical Committee (TC) 212 has approved the revision of ISO 15189:2012 (the accreditation standard for medical laboratories), primarily due to the publication of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 which is a normative reference for ISO 15189:2012. The revision has been registered as a new project, with Sheila Woodcock, Canada as the project leader and Cristina Draghici, also from Canada, as the co-project team leader representing ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment. A Committee Draft is expected to be available in early 2020.

#### IAF

- IAF has endorsed ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 'Conformity Assessment General Principles and Requirements for Validation and Verification Bodies' as an IAF normative document. IAF also endorsed the extension of IAF MLA under the IAF Level 2 Validation and Verification to ISO/IEC 17029 as a new IAF MLA Level 3 standard in accordance to IAF PL3 Policies and Procedures for the Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA.
- The transition arrangement for ISO 14064-3: 2019 'Greenhouse Gases Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements' shall be four years from 30 April 2019. Any greenhouse gas validation and verification engagements commenced after 30 April 2023 shall be performed to ISO 14064-3: 2019.

Within this transition timeline:

- Accreditation Bodies shall be ready to carry out ISO 14065 assessments using 14064-3: 2019 for conformity assessment schemes that reference ISO 14064-3 within 18 months from 30 April 2019.
- Where local legislation/regulation requires accredited validation/verification referencing ISO 14064-3: 2006 and has not been amended to reference ISO 14064-3: 2019, the use of ISO 14064-3: 2006 in accredited validation/verification may be extended.
- IAF has endorsed the extension of the IAF MLA under the Main Scope of Management Systems Certification – ISO/IEC 17021-1 to the Sub-Scope – Occupational Health and Safety Management Certification using ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 as Level 4 Sub-Scope and ISO 45001 as Level 5 Sub-Scope in accordance to IAF PL3 Policies and Procedures for the Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA.



HKAS staff members attend 2019 ILAC-IAF Joint Annual Meetings at Frankfurt, Germany

### No Adjustment of Fees until End of 2020

As part of the measures announced by the Financial Secretary to support Hong Kong's economy, there will be no increase in all fees of accreditation services under HOKLAS, HKCAS and HKIAS until the end of 2020. We hope the arrangement can help ease the burden of the testing and certification sector and reduce enterprises' operating costs, thereby assisting them in coping with challenges brought by the difficult economic environment. For the current fee schedules, please visit HKAS website (www.hkas.gov.hk).



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## Seminar on Product Certification of **Construction Materials**

Building safety is of paramount importance, and quality of construction materials forms a vital part of it. Construction materials product certification helps assure the quality of construction materials through third-party assessment. On 21 November 2019, representatives from government departments and the Hong Kong Concrete Institute introduced how product certification could help improve construction and building quality. An expert from BEAM Society also introduced the materials requirements under the recently launched BEAM Plus New Buildings V2.0, which encompassed certified construction materials.

Ir Dr Jaime Yeung, Vice President of the Hong Kong Concrete Institute, was invited to introduce the concepts of product certification schemes. After that, Ms Yvonne Leong, Director of BEAM Society Limited, Materials and Waste Panel Chairperson, presented the requirements on the Materials and Waste Aspects (MW) under BEAM Plus New Buildings Version 2.0. The next speaker was Mr Tom Tong, Architect (Components and Materials) of Housing Department, shared the valuable experience of Hong Kong Housing Authority on product certification on building materials. Ir Dr Fiona Chan, Senior Accreditation Officer of HKAS, talked about how accreditation of certification bodies provides enhanced confidence.

About 120 participants, including practitioners from the testing and certification industry, users of testing and certification services and counterparts from other government departments, attended the seminar. The participants were engaged in very interactive and fruitful discussions on matters relating to product certification schemes, requirements on MW under BEAM Plus New Buildings Version 2.0. Positive feedbacks were received and most of the participants found the seminar very practical and useful.

For more information about accreditation services in relation to construction product certification, please contact our Senior Accreditation Officers, Ir Chan Wai-keung (tel: 2829 4812 / email: wk.chan@itc.gov.hk) or Ir Dr Fiona Chan (tel: 2829 4870 / email: wychan@itc.gov.hk).



(From left to right) Ir Dr Fiona Chan from HKAS, Mr Tom Tong from Housing Department, Ms Yvonne Leong from BEAM Society Limited, Mr Ho Chi-shing from BEAM Society Limited, Professor Albert Yu Cheung-hoi from Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification(HKCTC), Ir Dr Jamie Yeung from Hong Kong Concrete Institute and Ms Jane Lee from НКСТС

## **HKAS is now a Signatory to the ILAC MRA for Accreditation of Proficiency Testing Providers**

In 2019 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) / International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Annual Meetings in Frankfurt, ILAC General Assembly (GA) announced the extension and inaugural signing of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) to include the accreditation of proficiency testing providers (PTP) using ISO/IEC 17043 and resolved to accept the extension of recognition of the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (APAC) MRA to the ILAC MRA for accreditation of PTP using ISO/IEC 17043 (ILAC GA 23.04).

With the extension of recognition of APAC MRA to the ILAC MRA on PTP, HKAS is now a signatory to ILAC MRA on PTP. The full list of signatories to the ILAC MRA is available from https://ilac.org/signatory-search/.

HKAS has been a signatory to Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) MRA for accreditation of PTP since June 2014 and subsequently became a signatory to the APAC MRA on PTP upon the merging of APLAC with the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation to form the APAC on 1 January 2019.



Mr Shum Wai-leung, Executive Administrator (Accreditation), receives the ILAC MRA Certificate for Accreditation of Proficiency Testing Providers from the ILAC Chair, Ms Etty Feller at the ILAC **General Assembly** 7

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## APAC Training on Accreditation of Validation and Verification Bodies

APAC Training on Accreditation of Validation and Verification Bodies was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 4 to 6 November 2019. This three-day training course was organised by the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) and hosted by the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER).

ISO/IEC 17029, the standard for validation and verification bodies, is a new ISO/IEC standard published in October 2019. ISO 14065, the standard originally for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies, is now being reviewed. The new version of ISO 14065 is anticipated to be published in the fourth quarter of 2020. 'Future ISO 14065' will be the sector application standard of ISO/IEC 17029 and its scope will be extended to cover bodies performing validation and verification of all environmental information. The latest version of ISO 14064-3, the standard for verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements, was published in April 2019. ISO 14064-3: 2019 cancels and replaces ISO 14064-3: 2006, which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 17029: 2019, future ISO 14065 and ISO 14064-3: 2019 will be the standards for

accrediting greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies. As there are significant changes in accreditation requirements, it is crucial to have common understanding of these accreditation standards among accreditation bodies. This APAC training served this purpose.

The training highlighted and discussed new concepts and key changes introduced in ISO/IEC 17029: 2019, future ISO 14065 and ISO 14064-3: 2019. Participants also shared their views in applying the requirements of these standards. In addition, participants shared their experiences in conducting accreditation assessments to greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies to facilitate the understanding of these accreditation standards.

Dr Stefanie Vehring, the Working Group Convener for the development of ISO/IEC 17029, and Dr John Shideler, the Chair of Subcommittee 4 on Environmental Performance Evaluation in ISO TC 207 (Environmental Management Systems), were facilitators of this training course. Twenty-four participants from 15 economies, including HKAS Senior Accreditation Officer, Ms Rebecca Wong Wanha attended the training.



## **Recommendation to Establish a Single International Accreditation Organisation**

In 2019 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) / International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Annual Meetings in Frankfurt, the ILAC/IAF Joint General Assembly (JGA) endorsed a recommendation provided by the ILAC/IAF Joint Executive Committee (JEC) to establish a single international organisation for accreditation on the basis of the results of a 'Survey In Support of the IAF 2020 – 2025 and ILAC 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plans' conducted during 14 February – 15 March 2019, considering the potential benefits of:

- greater efficiency and removal of duplication of activities;
- speaking as one voice as a single presence and point of contact in the market;
- opportunity to broaden stakeholder engagement and market feedback;
- potential cost savings through shared services;
- opportunity to simply and harmonise organisational processes.

The ILAC/IAF JGA further endorsed a recommendation of the ILAC/IAF JEC to create a steering committee, reporting to the ILAC/IAF JEC, to lead the process to establish a single international organisation for accreditation. Tasks ahead of this committee are to identify key issues such as structure of the new organisation, membership and voting rules, the secretariat, budget requirements for transitioning, etc. A contractor will also be engaged for the process and the costs for the project will be shared equally by IAF and ILAC.

## New Requirement - Legally Enforceable Arrangements between Laboratories/ Inspection Bodies and their Customers/Clients

HKAS operates in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011 'Conformity assessment, Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies'. The latest version of this standard introduces a new requirement in clause 4.2 e) that the accreditation body shall require conformity assessment bodies to have, where applicable, legally enforceable arrangements with their clients that commit the clients to provide, on request, access to assessment teams to assess the CAB's performance when carrying out conformity assessment activities at the client's sites.

In order to conform to clause 4.2 e) of ISO/IEC 17011: 2017, HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 33, Accreditation Regulations Specific for HOKLAS – Laboratory (HOKLAS SC-33) and HKIAS Supplementary Criteria No. 5, Accreditation Regulations Specific for HKIAS – Inspection Body (HKIAS SC-05) were updated in November 2019.

The new requirement was introduced in clause 2.1 of HOKLAS SC-33 is reproduced as follows: **'With effect from 30 November 2020**, the laboratory

shall have, where applicable, legally enforceable arrangements with their customers that commit the customers to provide, on request, access to HKAS assessment teams to assess the laboratory's performance when carrying out laboratory activities at their customers' site.'

Similarly, the new requirement was introduced in clause 2.1 of HKIAS SC-05 is reproduced as follows: **'With effect from 30 November 2020**, the inspection body shall have, where applicable, legally enforceable arrangements with their clients that commit the clients to provide, on request, access to HKAS assessment teams to assess the inspection body's performance when carrying out inspections at their clients' site.'

Laboratories and inspection bodies are encouraged to review their current arrangements with their customers and clients, and if necessary, update the arrangements to fulfill such a requirement as early as possible. After 30 November 2020, the nonfulfilment of this new requirement will be raised as a nonconformity.

### **New Staff Members**

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Mr Henry Yuen Wai-lun Mr Yuen joined HKAS as Accreditation Officer in September 2019. He obtained his Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Master of Science degree in Engineering Enterprise Management from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has 16 years of consumer products testing laboratory experience, particularly in laboratory quality management and product testing. In HKAS, Mr Yuen is responsible for accreditation services related to construction materials.

Dr Chan joined HKAS as Accreditation Officer in October 2019. He is a holder of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry, both from the University of Hong Kong. Before working with HKAS, Dr Chan had been working at the Government Laboratory as a Chemist for more than 10 years, with extensive experience in food, pharmaceutical and Chinese medicine testing. Dr Chan is now responsible for accreditation service for chemical and microbiological testing.



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Accreditation Officer in October 2019. Prior to joining HKAS, she worked in a local certification body for more than 9 years where she performed conformity assessment audits and verifications for various sectors. She holds Bachelor of Engineering in Civil and Structural Engineering and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering degrees, both from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Ms Kong focuses on accreditation services related to construction materials.



## **New and Revised HKAS Documents**

Since the last issue of HKAS News, a number of HKAS, HOKLAS, HKIAS and HKCAS documents have been revised or newly published. These are shown in the following table with their respective dates of implementation. The supplementary criteria are mandatory documents and HKAS accredited organisations are advised to study them carefully and adjust their management system and/or operation procedures accordingly on or before the implementation dates. These documents are available at our website at www.hkas.gov.hk.

Document Code	cument Code HKAS published document Version			
HKAS 002	Regulations for HKAS Accreditation	5th Ed Amd 1	Aug-2019	Aug-2019
HKAS 002C	認可處認可規例	Aug-2019	Aug-2019	
HKAS 009	Notification of Changes	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A1	Notification of Changes Change in Ownership or Name of Organisation	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A2	Notification of Changes Change in Organisational Structure, Key Staff or Contact Details	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A3	Notification of Changes Change of Approved Signatories, Operators, Inspectors or Reviewers	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A4	Notification of Changes Change in Main Organisational Policies	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A5	Notification of Changes Change in Registered Address or Any Premises of the Organisation where Accredited Activities are Carried Out	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A6	Notification of Changes Significant Change in Working Procedures and Resources including Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Working Environment	Jan-2020	Jan-2020	
*HKAS 009-A7	Notification of Changes Change in Nature of Work Performed by an Accredited Organisation	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A8	Notification of Changes Voluntary Suspension and/or Termination of Accredited Activities	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
*HKAS 009-A9	Notification of Changes Other Changes	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
HKAS IN003	Guidance on Calibration and Performance Verification of Temperature Chambers (Informative)	Issue 3	Jul-2019	Jul-2019
HKAS SC-02	HKAS Supplementary Criteria No. 2 'Nonconformities and their grading'	Issue 7	Sep-2019	Sep-2019
HKAS SC-04	HKAS Supplementary Criteria No. 4 'Intervals between On-site Reassessments and Surveillance Visits'	lssue 5	Oct-2019	Oct-2019
HKAS SC-06	HKAS Supplementary Criteria No. 6 'Code of Conduct'	Issue 5	Sep-2019	Sep-2019
*HKAS SC-06C	香港認可處補充準則第6號 '紀律守則'	第五版	Sep-2019	Sep-2019
HKCAS 011	Change of Authorised Representative	Jan 2020	Jan-2020	Jan-2020
HKCAS 021	Assessment / Reassessment Questionnaire for Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Oct 202		Oct-2019	Oct-2019
HKCAS 021-A1	Scope of Accreditation Sought (for new application for accreditation or extension of scope of accreditation only)		Oct-2019	Oct-2019
HKCAS 021-A2B1	Management System Checklist (for Verification of Greenhouse Gas Assertions at Organisation Level, and Validation and/or Verification of Greenhouse Gas Assertions at Project Level)		Oct-2019	Oct-2019
HKCAS 021-A2B2	Management System Checklist (for Verification of Greenhouse Gas Statements at Organisation Level, and Validation and/or Verification of Greenhouse Gas Statements at Project Level)	Oct 2019	Oct-2019	Oct-2019

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HKCAS 021-A2C	Management System Checklist (for Verification of Product Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Statement)	Oct 2019 Oct-2019 Oct-2		Oct-2019	
HKCAS AP001	HKCAS Application Package 001 'Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies 管理體系認證機構的認可'	Sep-2019	Sep-2019		
HKCAS AP002	HKCAS Application Package 002 'Accreditation of Product Certification Bodies 產品認證機構的認可'	Sep 2019	Sep-2019	Sep-2019	
HKCAS AP003	HKCAS Application Package 003 'Accreditation of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Validation and Verification Bodies 溫室氣體審定和核查機構的認可'	Sep 2019	Sep-2019	Sep-2019	
HKCAS SC-09	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 9 'Accreditation of Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Bodies – Verification of Greenhouse Gas Statements at Organisation Level, and Validation and/or Verification of Greenhouse Gas Statements at Project Level'	Issue 7	Oct-2019	Oct-2019	
HKCAS SC-09#	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 9 'Accreditation of Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Bodies – Verification of Greenhouse Gas Assertions at Organisation Level, and Validation and/or Verification of Greenhouse Gas Assertions at Project Level'	Issue 6	Oct-2019	Oct-2019	
HKCAS SC-12	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 12 'Accreditation Programme for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System Certification'	lssue 4	Jan-2020	Jan-2020	
HKCAS SC-12	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 12 'Accreditation Programme for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System Certification'	Oct-2019	Oct-2019		
HKCAS SC-13	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 13 'Accreditation of Greenhouse Gas Verification Bodies – Verification of Product Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Statement'	lssue 4	Oct-2019	Oct-2019	
HKIAS AP001	S AP001 HKIAS Application Package 001 'Accreditation of Inspection Body for Construction Products Inspection 建築產品檢驗機構的認可' Nov 20		Nov-2019	Nov-2019	
HKIAS SC-05	HKIAS Supplementary Criteria No. 5 'Accreditation Regulations Specific for HKIAS - Inspection Body'	C Issue 6 Nov-2019 No		Nov-2019	
HOKLAS 007-A1	Scope of Accreditation Sought (for new application for accreditation or extension of scope of accreditation only)	Aug 2019	Aug-2019	Aug-2019	
HOKLAS 015	Technical Criteria for Laboratory Accreditation (Medical Laboratories) (Abridged Version)	5th Ed Amd 1 Sep-2019 Sep-202		Sep-2019	
HOKLAS 015C	實驗所認可技術準則 (醫務化驗所) (縮略本)	第五版 Sep-2019 Sep-2		Sep-2019	
HOKLAS AP006	P006 HOKLAS Application Package 006 'Accreditation of Construction Materials Testing Laboratories 建築物料測試實驗所的認可' Jan 2020 Jan-2020		Jan-2020		
HOKLAS SC-29 HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 29 "'Medical Testing' Test Catego - Immunology"		Issue 7	Jan-2020	Jan-2020	
HOKLAS SC-31	OKLAS SC-31HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 31 "'Physical and Mechanical Testing' Test Category - Gemstone Testing to the Standard Methods for Testing Fei Cui (Jadeite Jade) for Hong Kong and the Standard Methods for Testing Diamond for Hong Kong"Issue 5Jul-2019		Jul-2019		
HOKLAS SC-33	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 33 'Accreditation Regulations Specific for HOKLAS - Laboratory'				

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## **Proficiency Testing Updates**

Progress in programmes organised by regional cooperations of accreditation bodies

Test Category	Programme and Organiser	Status
Chinese Medicine	APMP-APLAC T106 – Organochlorine Pesticides in Ginseng Root Organised by GLHK, Hong Kong	Final report issued in July 2019. Four laboratories participated. There was one outlier result. The laboratory was informed of the result and required for investigation.
	APMP-APLAC T108 – Benzo[a]pyrene in Olive Oli Organised by NIM, China APMP-APLAC T109 – Cadmium in Milk Powder Organised by NIM, China	Final Report issued in 2019. Three laboratories participated with one of them submitted the result as a range. The other results were satisfactory.
Food		Draft Final Report issued in Oct 2019. Four laboratories participated and three of them submitted results. The results were satisfactory.
	APMP-APLAC T110 – Toxic Metal / Metalloid Species in Powdered Rice Organised by GLHK, Hong Kong	Interim Report was circulated to participants for check. One laboratory participated.

### **Accreditation Updates**

#### New Accreditation Granted (1 July 2019 to 29 February 2020)

Nine laboratories have been accredited since the last issue of HKAS News. The name, registration number and accredited areas are summarised below. HKAS wishes to congratulate the CABs on their success in obtaining accreditation.

#### HOKLAS

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Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category Granted	Clientele
HOKLAS 285	The Open University of Hong Kong - School of Science and Technology - Testing and Certification (T&C) Laboratory	Toys and Children's Products	In-house laboratory, normally not available for public testing
HOKLAS 286	AA Lab Limited	Construction Materials	Public
HOKLAS 287	Lee's Pharm Genomics Lab Limited	Pharmaceutical Products	In-house laboratory, normally not available for public testing
HOKLAS 288	Alliance Testing (HK) Co., Limited	Construction Materials	Public
HOKLAS 289	Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Co., Ltd - Precious Metal Testing Centre (PMTC)	Chemical Testing	In-house laboratory, normally not available for public testing
HOKLAS 290	ASB Biodiesel (Hong Kong) Limited - Laboratory Department	Miscellaneous	In-house laboratory, normally not available for public testing
HOKLAS 291	Sky Professional Testing & Consulting Limited	Construction Materials	Public
HOKLAS 842S	GHK Hospital Limited - Department of Clinical Laboratory	Medical Testing	Public and private hospital and clinics
HOKLAS 843S	UCN Diagnostic Services - Pathology Laboratory	Medical Testing	Private clinics

#### **Accreditation Suspended**

#### Voluntary Suspension (as at 29 February 2020)

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Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category	Effective Date (dd.mm.yyyy)
001	Government Laboratory - Analytical and Advisory Services Division	Proficiency Testing Providers Forensic Science	16.12.2019
009	SGS Hong Kong Limited	Electrical and Electronic Products All tests Testing Required By The China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System EMC Test Compliance inspection and Safety Test	25.05.2019

Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category	Effective Date (dd.mm.yyyy
009	SGS Hong Kong Limited	Construction Materials All tests	06.02.2020
019	Quality Control Consultants Ltd.	Construction Materials - Concrete - Grout - Mortar - Tile adhesive Calibration Services - Verification of Construction Materials Testing Equipment - Force Measurement - Length Measurement - Temperature and Humidity Measurement	01.04.2019
022	ETS-Testconsult Limited	Environmental Testing - Saline Water - All tests	27.11.2019
028	Soils & Materials Engineering Co. Ltd.	Environmental Testing - Noise	03.08.2019
125	SGS IECC Limited	<b>Electrical and Electronic Products</b> All tests	25.05.2019
165	Jewellery Trade Laboratory Limited	<b>Physical and Mechanical Testing</b> All tests	05.11.2019
182	Consumer Testing Laboratories (Far East) Ltd.	Chemical Testing Toxic Elements – Nickel Food Food contact materials Toys and Children Products Chemical Tests	22.02.2019
194	International Food Safety Testing Centre Limited	Toys and Children Products Chemical Tests	31.10.2019
207	UL International Limited	Electrical and Electronic Products All tests Testing Required By The China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System All tests	01.09.2019
213	DEKRA Certification Hong Kong Limited	Electrical and Electronic Products All tests	13.02.2019
268	Lidl Hong Kong Limited - Quality Laboratory	Chemical Testing Organic Residues Toys and Children's Products Chemical Tests	03.12.2019
803P	Department of Health - Centre for Health Protection, Public Health Laboratory Services Branch, Histopathology and Cytology Division	Medical Testing - Medical Genetics (molecular genetics)	05.12.2019
824S	Department of Health - Clinical Genetic Service, Cytogenetic Laboratory	Medical Testing - All tests	09.12.2019

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Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Certification System	Effective Date (dd.mm.yyyy)
007	Hong Kong Veritas Limited	Energy Management System	25.10.2019

The above list only shows those accredited organisations with the whole test category / area suspended or terminated. In addition, the list does not display those suspended and terminated activities individually. Readers are advised to refer to the scope of accreditation displayed on HKAS website for the latest accreditation of the specific activities of an accredited organisation.

#### **Accreditation Terminated**

### Voluntary Termination (1 July 2019 to 29 February 2020)

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Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body		Test Category and Test Area Terminated	Effective Date	
003	The Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre Ltd. Chemical Testing All tests		23.07.2019		
039	-	g Kong Productivity Council - Environment and Product vation Laboratory	:	Environmental Testing - Air quality testing / air quality monitoring - All tests	02.09.2019
059		g Kong Productivity Council – Smart Manufacturing & land Business Division, Materials Testing Laboratory		Physical and Mechanical Testing Polymer and Polymer Products	01.09.2019
# 086	Guan	ngzhou Worldwide Standards and Testing Co. Ltd.		Toys and Children's Products All tests	30.09.2019
120	Vitas	oy International Holdings Ltd. – Laboratory Managem	ent	Food Chemical composition	31.08.2019
# 131	Drainage Services Department - Stonecutters Island Laboratory Drainage Services Department - Stonecutters Island Laboratory All tests Environmental Testing All tests			01.10.2019	
# 174	Dongguan Wanjiang Chaomin Curtain Wall Factory All tests		01.07.2019		
# 190	Europharm Laboratoires Company Limited–Q. C. Laboratory All tests		Chinese Medicine All tests	01.08.2019	
207	UL International Limited Toys and Children's Products - Electrical Tests		01.09.2019		
208	Tech-co (Testing Services) Ltd. Construction Materials - Welds (destructive tests)		12.09.2019		
# 224	Dongguan Permasteelisa Curtain Wall Co. Ltd Permasteelisa Gartner Testing Laboratory All tests		30.11.2019		
# 272	Balur	n Technology International Limited	Electrical and Electronic Products All tests		21.09.2019
# 8315	-	Kong Health Check and Medical Diagnostic Centre Ltd. – Kong Health Check Medical Laboratory All tests		10.09.2019	
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