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World Accreditation Day 2022

The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on 9th June. It is a global initiative established by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) to promote the value of accreditation.


The theme of this year's WAD is 'Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment'. It highlights how accreditation is delivering sustainability in economic development and environmental performance, which are two core elements of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Economic activities rely heavily on the availability of natural resources in healthy ecosystems. To ensure a sustainable economic growth while safeguarding the ecosystems at the same time, it is crucial to adopt forms of production that are less resource-intensive, have smaller impact on climate change, and are more biodiversity-conscious. For instance, many countries are now shifting to what is called a 'circular economy', where production and consumption focus on repair, reuse, remanufacturing and recycling. Accreditation and other players in the quality infrastructure, such as standardisation and conformity assessment, support the implementation of these eco-friendly principles and provide a wide range of solutions that helps users deliver more.

A variety of standards and conformity assessment schemes are available to help regulators, business, and industry to formulate and implement environment-related policies. Conformity assessment services, including testing, inspection, certification, validation and verification, ensure products, services and systems comply with requirements in standards or regulations. Accreditation of a conformity assessment body (CAB) provides assurance that its results are trustworthy and hence strengthen consumer confidence. Together they contribute to an effective system that promotes sustainability. Here are some examples on how accreditation and accredited conformity assessment activities support sustainable growth initiatives:



The Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, which strove for carbon neutrality, used a sustainability management system certified by a certification body accredited by the China National Accreditation Service (CNAS).



The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) operates the WaterSense® Program to promote water-efficient products. The scheme requires CABs verifying the qualified products to be accredited.



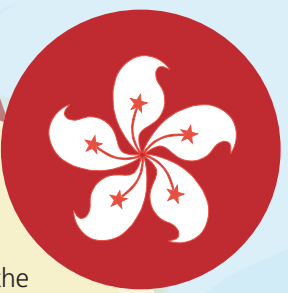
IBM, which holds accredited certification to ISO 14001, collected and processed more than 2 billion pounds of end-of-life IT products worldwide between 1995 and 2014. Nearly 97% of those processed in 2014 was reused, resold or recycled.



The French government encourages companies to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into their policies, and individuals to invest in more environmental friendly business. CABs accredited by Cofrac (the accreditation body of France) help support this practice by assessing and verifying the claims made by those companies.

More examples and case studies on stories of success are featured in the videos and brochure prepared by IAF and ILAC for this year's WAD, which are available at the ILAC (ilac.org) and IAF (iaf.nu) websites.

Turn the focus back to what we can provide to match with the theme of WAD2022, HKAS is also offering different environment-related accreditation services, including testing and measurements of pollutants, energy efficiency performance tests, indoor air quality inspection, environmental management system certification and greenhouse gas validation and verification. For further details, please visit the HKAS website (www.hkas.gov.hk).



In Hong Kong, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department runs the Energy Efficiency Labelling Schemes, which is mandatory for prescribed electrical products to display labels that inform consumers of their energy efficiency performance. These labelled products must be tested in a laboratory accredited by HKAS or its mutual recognition arrangements partners.

The United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The UN SDGs were 17 goals adopted by all UN Member States in 2015 as a universal call for action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. More information about the SDGs can be found at the UN website (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>). The theme of WAD2022, Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment, focuses on how accreditation supports the following SDGs:



Webinar on Latest Technology and Development in Building Inspection

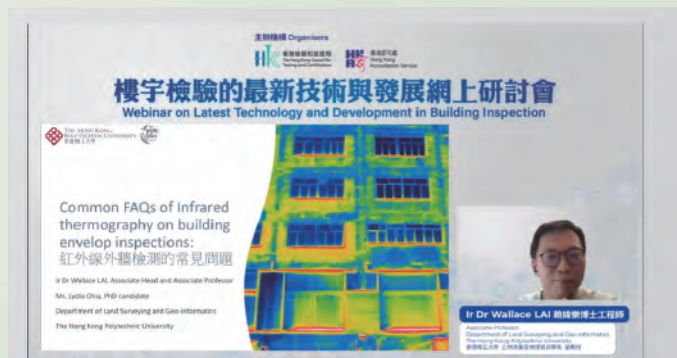
As more and more buildings in Hong Kong age, building inspection and diagnostic testing are crucial to access building conditions for proper follow up actions such as maintenance, refurbishment, and demolition. In recent years, new technologies have been adopted in various building inspection tasks so as to enhance its effectiveness and quality. To introduce the latest development in building inspection, HKAS and Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (HKCTC) jointly organised a webinar on 24 February 2022. This webinar aims to share the experiences and insights in using advanced technology (e.g. artificial intelligence, drones, infrared thermography, etc.) for building inspection.

Three speakers were invited to lead discussions at the webinar. Mr Paul LAU, Senior Property Services Manager of Architectural Services Department, shared his experiences in using artificial intelligence and drones to assist with building inspection for external wall and roof. Ir Dr Wallace LAI Wai-lok, Associate Professor of Department of Land Surveying and Geo-informatics of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, then answered some of the frequently asked questions on building envelop inspection using infrared thermography. Ir Dr Fiona CHAN Wan-yin, Senior Accreditation Officer of HKAS, introduced to the audience on how accreditation could enhance confidence in the construction industry.

About 230 participants, including practitioners from the testing and certification industry, users



Mr Paul LAU, Senior Property Services Manager of Architectural Services Department



Ir Dr Wallace LAI Wai-lok, Associate Professor of Department of Land Surveying and Geo-informatics of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

of testing services and counterparts from other government departments, attended the webinar. They were engaged in interactive and fruitful discussions on matters relating to the use of new technology. Much positive feedback has been received, and most participants found the seminar very practical and useful.

To learn more about accreditation services in relation to building diagnostic tests, please contact our Senior Accreditation Officers, Ir Dr Fiona CHAN (tel: 2829 4870 / email: wychan@itc.gov.hk) or Mr Jeffrey LEUNG (tel: 2829 4806 / email: jttleung@itc.gov.hk).

Withdrawal of HKAS Supplementary Criteria No. 5

HKAS Supplementary Criteria No. 5 - Internal Audits and Management Reviews (HKAS SC-05) has been withdrawn with effect from 14 March 2022. Additional explanation on the requirements of 'Internal audits' and 'Management reviews'

in ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 are now documented in HKAS Policy Document No. 1 - HKAS Policy for Accreditation of Laboratories according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 under HOKLAS (HKAS PD001), which is available from the HKAS website.

Update from ILAC/IAF Joint Annual Meetings



The 2021 ILAC/IAF Joint Annual Meetings were held virtually, spanning from 30 September to 4 November. Below are highlights from the meetings:

ILAC

1. To align with the 2017 version of ISO/IEC 17025, the ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC) updated the following document: P10:07/2020 *ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results*, ILAC P14:09/2020 *ILAC Policy for Measurement Uncertainty in Calibration*, ILAC G8:09/2019 *Guidelines on Decision Rules and Statements of Conformity*, ILAC G17:01/2021 *ILAC Guidelines for Measurement Uncertainty in Testing* and ILAC G18:12/2021 *Guideline for describing Scopes of Accreditation*. Revision of ILAC P9 and ILAC G19 is still on-going.
2. ISO Technical Committee 212 (ISO TC 212) is currently revising ISO 15189, the accreditation standard for medical testing laboratories. A Draft International Standard (DIS) 15189 was circulated for comment between October 2021 and January 2022. ILAC members' comments have been provided to ISO TC 212 for consideration.
3. ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment Working Group 57 (ISO/CASCO WG57) is reviewing ISO/IEC 17043, the accreditation standard for proficiency testing providers. Currently the revision is at the Committee Draft 2 (CD2) stage. ILAC's comments on the CD2 have been provided to ISO/CASCO WG57 for consideration. ISO/CASCO WG57 will review all the comments received and prepare the DIS, which is expected to be circulated for ballot in July 2022.
4. The International Vocabulary of Metrology – Basic and General Concepts and Associated Terms (VIM) is being revised by the Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology / Working Group 2 (JCGM/WG2). ILAC's comments on the draft have been provided to JCGM/WG2 for consideration.
5. The ILAC General Assembly (GA) adopted a resolution (GA 25.09) recommended by the ILAC Arrangement Committee on extending the ILAC MRA to include accreditation of biobanking. The activity will be included in the MRA as a Level 2 activity, using ISO 20387: Biobanking – General requirements for biobanking as the Level 3 normative document. ILAC will accept applications for recognition as soon as the ILAC documents applicable to the MRA are updated with this new scope.

IAF

6. Based on the outcomes of the survey conducted by Working Group (WG) on Management System Certification, over 60% respondents agreed that revision of IAF MD 15 - Mandatory Document for the Collection of Data to Provide Indicators

- of Management System Certification Bodies' Performance, is needed but the extent of the revision should be minimal. The revision should improve the application of the risk-based approach stipulated in the new ISO/IEC 17011 and there could be a second phase revision by collecting data on other types of certification, e.g. product certification to ISO/IEC 17065 and person certification to ISO/IEC 17024.
7. The IAF Task Force (TF) on Competence of AB Assessors and Experts had discussed the way forward on the development of MD 20 – Generic Competence for AB Assessors by considering the pros and cons of the three options proposed in the last Technical Committee (TC) meeting, i.e. 1) to keep MD 20 as a mandatory document with focus on specific competencies instead of generic competencies, 2) to proceed with competence of main scope standards before making a decision to change MD 20 an informative document, and 3) to change MD 20, an informative document and competencies developed for the main scope standards, would need to be decided as informative or mandatory. In the last TC meeting, IAF TC agreed to revise MD 20 by removing duplicative competencies that were already covered in ISO/IEC 17011 and inserting level 3 standard competencies.
8. The IAF General Assembly (GA) has endorsed the extension of IAF MLA sub-scope expansion to the IAF Validation and Verification MLA under ISO/IEC 17029: 2019 to include ISO 14065, ISO 14064-3, ISO 14066 as sub-scope level 4, as well as ISO 14064-1 and ISO 14064-2 as sub-scope level 5 (IAF Resolution 2021-21).

Merge of IAF and ILAC

9. The 2019 IAF/ILAC Joint General Assembly endorsed the proposal of establishing a single international organization for accreditation. A Steering Committee for the purpose was subsequently set up to identify the main principles that will form the basis of the new organisation and other main issues such as membership rules, voting rules, cost/benefits, secretariat, etc. A contractor was also engaged to take on the recommendations of the Steering Committee. The contractor had prepared a proposal regarding vision, mission, values, general structure, membership rules and rights of the new organisation and it was being discussed within the Steering Committee and the IAF/ILAC Joint Executive Committee. If everything goes smoothly, the new organisation combining IAF and ILAC will be established in mid-2024. IAF/ILAC members will be regularly updated on the progress of the merge.

Revamp of IAF CertSearch

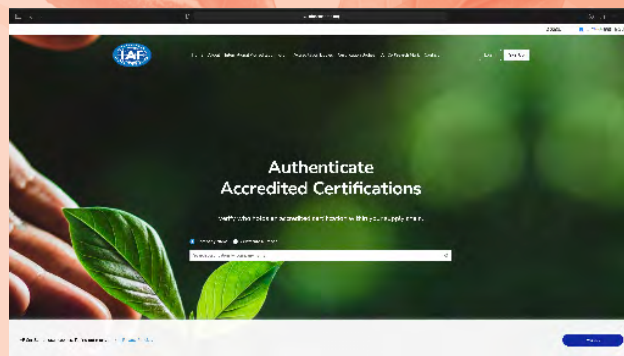
IAF has set up an online database named 'IAF CertSearch' (IAFCertSearch.org). It is an online tool where users can validate any individual accredited management system certification in real time. The database is owned by IAF Database LLC, a subsidiary of IAF, and managed by the IAF Database Management Committee (DMC).

In order for the IAF CertSearch to operate, necessary data from all stakeholders need to be collected. HKAS, as the signatory to the IAF MLA, is required to provide data on our accredited certification bodies (CBs) and their scopes of accreditation. Accredited CBs, on the other hand, are asked to provide data on certified organisations and their certifications on a voluntary basis. The tool has been designed to be compliant with international privacy and data regulations, and structured to ensure that data provided by CBs remain secure.

Currently, IAF CertSearch database contains 35% of all accredited management systems certificates. IAF is therefore planning to expand its coverage and adopt a more sustainable funding model. The proposal is that all CBs accredited by IAF members

would be asked to provide data on their accredited certifications to the database mandatorily, and users would have to pay for the search service. The DMC conducted a series of consultation for this proposal among members and their accredited CBs. HKAS has actively participated in the consultation process and provide comments to optimise our interest in the development. The finalised model will be presented in a meeting held on 21 June 2022 before members' approval is sought.

Detailed information about the IAF CertSearch is available at the FAQ section of the IAF website (iaf.nu/en/faq/).



New Staff Member



Dr Koo Chi Kin joined HKAS as Accreditation Officer in March 2022. He obtained his Bachelor of Science (Applied Chemistry) and Doctor of Philosophy from the City University of Hong Kong. Before his secondment to HKAS, Dr Koo has worked in the Government Laboratory for about 10 years. In HKAS, Dr Koo is mainly responsible for the accreditation of testing laboratories in chemical testing field. Dr Koo can be reached by email at kin.koo@itc.gov.hk

Joint IAF/ILAC/ISO Survey on Use of Remote Techniques



Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a substantial shift from office setting to remote working environments. Accreditation bodies and conformity assessment bodies (CABs) have also been adopting remote techniques in carrying out their activities when traditional on-site visits were not possible.

Last year, IAF, ILAC and ISO worked together to produce a survey that sought to better understand the views of the conformity assessment community on the use of remote techniques. The survey was sent to accreditation bodies, CABs as well as users of conformity assessment services. Over 4 000 responses were received around the world, among which about 86% had been part of a remote audit, assessment or evaluation exercise. Some key findings of the survey are highlighted below.

Benefits of adopting remote techniques

Many respondents saw the following benefits of using remote techniques in assessments, audits and evaluation during pandemic conditions:

	Overall Positive Response
Helped maintain status of accreditation/certification/recognition	98%
Reduced travel time and costs	96%
Reduced travel risk	95%
Reduced environmental footprint	95%
More efficient use of personnel	87%
Opportunity for witness activities in one or more sites	82%
Keeping to strict schedule of the audit/assessment/evaluation	82%

All in all, 96% of respondents were satisfied with their remote assessment, audit or evaluation experience.

Remote versus onsite assessments and audits

80% of respondents agreed that assuming an ideal set-up (e.g. good preparation, effective technology and internet connection), remote procedures gave the same level of confidence as onsite visits. 56% of respondents felt that remote exercises could be as effective as traditional on-site ones, but 53% found it more difficult and time-consuming to prepare for remote assessments, audits and evaluations. 'Poor internet connection' and 'possible threats to information security' were the top two concerns for conducting remote assessments, audits and evaluations.

Looking forward

90% of the respondents felt that organisations could effectively benefit from the use of remote techniques in the near future. Assuming that there are no longer any pandemic restrictions, 60% said that they would prefer "blended" activities; 19% preferred "fully remote" exercises and 21% preferred to continue to have on-site visits. Some respondents (37%) also opined that current rules, including standards, IAF and ILAC procedures, should be modified to better accommodate the use of remote techniques as the world moves to a "new normal" after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey results clearly demonstrate a high level of acceptance and support for remote techniques among the conformity assessment community. The survey also collected hundreds of comments on how to reap the benefits of remote activities. IAF, ILAC and ISO will further analyse the comments received and consider the necessary steps to incorporate the outcomes in the relevant documents and processes.

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	HKAS published document	Version	Publication Date	Implementation Date
HKAS PD001	HKAS Policy for Accreditation of Laboratories according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 under HOKLAS (ISO/IEC 17025:2017 HOKLAS Policy)	Issue 2	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HKAS PD001C	香港認可處在香港實驗所認可計劃下根據 ISO/IEC 17025:2017 向實驗所提供認可服務的政策 (香港實驗所認可計劃有關 ISO/IEC 17025:2017 的政策)	第二版	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HKCAS 003:2015	Technical Criteria for Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems -Part 1: Requirements, MOD) (Abridged Version)	Amend. No. 2	Jan-2022	Jan-2022
HKCAS 003C:2015	HKCAS 003C:2015 《管理體系認證機構認可技術準則》(ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 - 《合格評定—管理體系審核和認證機構的規定—第一部分：規定》，MOD) (縮略本)	第二修訂	Jan-2022	Jan-2022
HKCAS 005	Application for Certification Body / Greenhouse Gas Validation and/or Verification Body Accreditation / Extension of Scope of Accreditation	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKCAS 007-A1	Scope of Accreditation Sought (for New Application for Accreditation or Extension of Scope of Accreditation only)	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKCAS 007-A2C	Management System Checklist (for EnMS Certification)	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKCAS 007-A2E	Management System Checklist (for FSMS Certification)	Mar 2022	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HKCAS AP001	HKCAS Application Package 001 'Accreditation of Management System Certification Bodies 管理體系認證機構的認可'	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKCAS SC-06	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 6 'Accreditation Programme for Food Safety Related Management System Certification'	Issue 6	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HKCAS SC-10	HKCAS Supplementary Criteria No. 10 'Accreditation Programme for Energy Management System (EnMS) Certification'	Issue 6	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKIAS 005	Application for Accreditation of an Inspection Body (IB) / Extension of Scope of Accreditation of an IB	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKIAS 015	Application for using the Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HKIAS IN001	Application Procedures for HKIAS Accreditation (Informative)	Issue 2	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HKIAS SC-01	HKIAS Supplementary Criteria No. 1 'Consumer Product Inspection'	Issue 6	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HKIAS SC-06	HKIAS Supplementary Criteria No.6 'Using the Accredited CAB Combined ILAC MRA Mark'	Issue 2	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 005	Application for Laboratory Accreditation (including Proficiency Testing Providers and Reference Material Producers) / Extension of Scope of Accreditation	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 015	Technical Criteria for Laboratory Accreditation (Medical Laboratories) (Abridged Version)	5th Ed Amd 2	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 015C	實驗所認可技術準則 (醫務化驗所) (縮略本)	第五版第二修訂	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 017:2016	Technical Criteria for Accrediting Proficiency Testing Providers (ISO/IEC 17043:2010, Conformity Assessment – General requirements for proficiency testing, MOD) (Abridged Version)	Amend. No. 1	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 017C:2016	能力驗證提供者認可技術準則 (ISO/IEC 17043:2010 - 《合格評定 - 能力驗證的一般規定》，MOD) (縮略本)	第一修訂	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 022:2017	Technical Criteria for Accreditation of Reference Material Producers (ISO 17034:2016, General requirements for the competence of reference material producers, MOD) (Abridged Version)	Amend. No. 2	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 022:2017	Technical Criteria for Accreditation of Reference Material Producers (ISO 17034:2016, General requirements for the competence of reference material producers, MOD) (Abridged Version)	Amend. No. 1	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HOKLAS 022C:2017	標準物質生產者認可技術準則 (ISO 17034:2016 - 《標準物質生產者能力的一般規定》，MOD) (縮略本)	第二修訂	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS 022C:2017	標準物質生產者認可技術準則 (ISO 17034:2016 - 《標準物質生產者能力的一般規定》，MOD) (縮略本)	第一修訂	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HOKLAS AP001	HOKLAS Application Package 001 'Accreditation of Electrical and Electronic Products Testing Laboratories 電氣及電子產品測試實驗所的認可'	Nov 2021	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HOKLAS AP002	HOKLAS Application Package 002 'Accreditation of Textiles and Garments Testing Laboratories 紡織品及成衣測試實驗所的認可'	Mar 2022	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HOKLAS AP005	HOKLAS Application Package 005 'Accreditation of Calibration Laboratories 提供校正服務實驗所的認可'	Mar 2022	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HOKLAS AP006	HOKLAS Application Package 006 'Accreditation of Construction Materials Testing Laboratories 建築物料測試實驗所的認可'	Apr 2022	Apr-2022	Apr-2022

Document Code	HKAS published document	Version	Publication Date	Implementation Date
HOKLAS AP010	HOKLAS Application Package 010 'Accreditation of Physical and Mechanical Testing Laboratories 物理及機械測試實驗室的認可'	Feb 2022	Feb-2022	Feb-2022
HOKLAS AP011	HOKLAS Application Package 011 'Accreditation of Gemstone Testing Laboratories 珠寶測試實驗室的認可'	Apr 2022	Apr-2022	Apr-2022
HOKLAS AP014	HOKLAS Application Package 014 'Accreditation of "Testing Required by The China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System" Testing Laboratories 提供「中國強制性產品認證制度規定的檢測」測試之實驗室的認可'	Mar 2022	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HOKLAS SC-05	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 5 ' "Environmental Testing" Test Category - Asbestos Sampling and Testing'	Issue 8	Dec-2021	Dec-2021
HOKLAS SC-09	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 9 ' "Physical and Mechanical Testing" and "Toys and Children's Products" Test Categories - Physical and Mechanical Tests'	Issue 7	Apr-2022	Apr-2022
HOKLAS SC-11	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 11 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Site Sampling'	Issue 6	May-2022	May-2022
HOKLAS SC-14	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 14 ' "Electrical and Electronic Products" and "Toys and Children's Products" Test Categories – Electrical Tests'	Issue 7	May-2022	May-2022
HOKLAS SC-15	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 15 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Non-destructive Tests for Metallic Material and Weld'	Issue 7	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HOKLAS SC-16	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 16 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Foundation Tests'	Issue 8	Mar-2022	Mar-2022
HOKLAS SC-17	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 17 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Building Components and Related Tests'	Issue 6	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HOKLAS SC-18	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 18 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Soil and Rock Testing'	Issue 6	May-2022	May-2022
HOKLAS SC-19	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 19 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Diagnostic Tests on Concrete'	Issue 5	May-2022	May-2022
HOKLAS SC-31	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 31 ' "Physical and Mechanical Testing" Test Category – Gemstone Testing to Standard Methods for Testing Diamond for Hong Kong (HKSM/DT-2008)'	Issue 6	Dec-2021	Dec-2021
HOKLAS SC-42	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 42 ' "Forensic Testing" Test Category'	Issue 5	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
HOKLAS SC-47	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 47 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category - Accreditation of Fire Testing'	Issue 4	Nov-2021	Nov-2021
*HOKLAS SC-55	HOKLAS Supplementary Criteria No. 55 ' "Construction Materials" Test Category – Accreditation of Underground Utility Survey'	Issue 1	Nov-2021	Nov-2021

* New publication

Proficiency Testing Updates

Test Category	Programme and Organiser	Status
Food	APMP-APLAC T111 –Event-specific quantitative analysis for genetically modified (GM) Maize Line MON87427 Organised by NIM, China	Draft Final Report to be issued in Nov 2022. One laboratory participated.
	APAC T112 – Non-polar analytes in high carbohydrate food matrix: trans-Zearalenone in Maize Powder Organised by NIM, China	Test results to be available in Jun 2022. One laboratory participated.
	APAC T113 – Benzoic Acid in Fish Sauce (Organised by GLHK, Hong Kong)	Final Report to be issued in Jul 2022. One laboratory participated.
	APEC SCSC 01 2021 – Trace Elements in Natural Water (Organised by GLHK, Hong Kong)	Sample scheduled for distribution in May 2022. Two laboratories participated.

Accreditation Updates

New Accreditation Granted (1 November 2021 to 31 May 2022)

Six 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

Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category Granted	Clientele
HOKLAS 858S	CUHK Medical Centre - Department of Pathology	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions
HOKLAS 859S	Sunrise Diagnostic Centre Limited	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions
HOKLAS 860S	Lee's Pharm Genomics Lab Limited	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions
HOKLAS 861S	St. Teresa's Hospital - Clinical Laboratory	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions
HOKLAS 862S	Pangenia Lifesciences Limited	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions
HOKLAS 863S	Evangel Hospital – Laboratory	Medical Testing	Private physicians, medical centres, private and public hospitals and other medically related institutions

Suspended Accreditation

Voluntary Suspension (as at 31 May 2022)

HOKLAS

Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category	Effective Date (dd.mm.yyyy)
145	Institute for the Advancement of Chinese Medicine (IACM) Ltd.	Chinese Medicine - All tests	30.11.2021
164	ISPL Consulting Limited - Testing Laboratory	Construction Materials - All tests	15.06.2021
182	Consumer Testing Laboratories (Far East) Ltd.	Textiles and Garments - All tests except flammability tests	04.06.2021
238	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) - Laboratory for Molecular Testing	Chemical Testing - All tests Chinese Medicine - All tests	08.05.2022

The above list shows only 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.

Terminated Accreditation

Voluntary Termination (1 November 2021 to 31 May 2022)

HOKLAS

Registration No.	Name of Conformity Assessment Body	Test Category and Test Area Terminated	Effective Date (dd.mm.yyyy)
009	SGS Hong Kong Limited	Food - Genetically Modified Organisms	18.02.2022
024	Geotechnics & Concrete Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Construction Materials - Door, Door Locks and Door Closers	11.05.2022
# 053	Bureau Veritas Hong Kong Limited - Kwai Chung Office	Electrical and Electronic Products - All tests	01.03.2022
073	TUV Rheinland Hong Kong Limited	Electrical and Electronic Products - Telecommunications equipment tests	11.11.2021
204	The Lab (Asia) Limited	Construction Materials - Bulk Cargoes	28.01.2022
# 211	Hong Kong Productivity Council - Hong Kong Watch and Clock Technology Centre	Physical and Mechanical Testing - All tests	30.04.2022
# 263	必維嘉航檢驗技術 (廣東) 有限公司	Construction Materials - All tests	02.11.2021
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