



China implements testing sample retention of China Compulsory Certification in testing labs and applicants

In order to guarantee certification effectiveness, ensure sample's truthfulness and facilitate the factory inspection and market surveillance, China Quality Certification Center (CQC) will implement testing sample retention in testing laboratories. As of March 1st, 2009, products with lower acceptance within the market surveillance and higher risk concerns,

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will endure to the compulsory samples retention.

Testing laboratories are in charge of sealing and retaining the samples for 2 years after issuance of the certificates. The samples are returnable to applicant after 2 years. Applicants shall do their utmost to keep them well and shall not cease the contention until 6 months after the certificates are revoked / deregistered.

Retained samples are used for product quality arbitration by certification body or surveillance after certified. CQC shall conduct irregular inspections on applicant's practices to sample retention. In case of violation, certificate suspension or revocation may be ordered according to the seriousness of the offense.