



“Hong Kong meets our needs perfectly. MNCs are often in Hong Kong and confidently engage our services in the city, in the trusted and sophisticated business environment. Hong Kong also contains our sales and marketing functions. Hong Kong’s accessibility and status as a business centre makes it a logical place for these functions.”

Mr Fabrice Eglhoff, Executive Director, SGS Hong Kong Ltd

Industrial Testing, Inspection & Certification

Advantages & Opportunities

- The large volume of production and export of goods from Hong Kong and Pearl River Delta (PRD) makes it economical to establish testing and inspection facilities close to production facilities.
- The rapid rate of industrialisation in China and the 60,000 Hong Kong-owned manufacturing operations in the PRD offers a growing demand for international standard testing facilities in the region.
- Given the expense for Greater China exporters to send their samples overseas for testing, there are opportunities for product testing, inspection and certification in closer proximity.
- Hong Kong offers a world class standard of quality and credibility; in many cases, overseas buyers still have more confidence in inspection and testing operations in Hong Kong.
- There are no entry barriers to establish a presence in Hong Kong. Participation in industry associations or accreditation schemes is voluntary.
- The proposed Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao bridge expected to be completed in 2015 will further open up the western part of the PRD. This will strengthen Hong Kong’s role as the central service centre for the southern China region.

Sector Snapshot

The testing and certification sector in mainland China is restricted so Hong Kong remains the most convenient location for international service providers. Hong Kong’s industrial testing, certification and inspection industry primarily serves the large manufacturing industry in the Greater PRD.

There are three types of service providers in Hong Kong

- domestic commercial laboratories
- domestic non-profit laboratories; and
- international laboratories with proprietary or

recognised testing standards

Hong Kong continues to play an important role in improving the standard of goods produced in China including food and environmental safety and consumer products testing.

Framework for Success

Hong Kong offers a transparent and internationally integrated framework for testing, inspection and certification operators. Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) provides accreditation for laboratories, certification and inspection bodies through the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS), Hong Kong Certification Body Accreditation Scheme (HKCAS) and Hong Kong Inspection Body Accreditation Scheme (HKIAS) respectively.

HOKLAS currently has 155 members and offers mutual recognition with 60 laboratory accreditation bodies in 47 economies, including China. HKCAS offers mutual recognition with 40 global partners. HKIAS provides accreditation for consumer and construction product inspection mutually recognised by nine global partners. Participation in the above accreditation schemes is voluntary.

Some Testing, Inspection & Certification companies in Hong Kong

- Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (France)
- CMA Testing and Certification Laboratories (HK)
- Det Norske Veritas (Norway)
- Fugro (The Netherlands)
- Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre (HK)
- Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HK)
- InterTek Testing Services (UK)
- LGA (Germany)
- SGS (Switzerland)
- Testex (Switzerland)
- TUV Rheinland (Germany)
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc (US)
- VDE Global Services (Germany)

“Hong Kong is the logical launching pad to better serve
manufacturers and retailers in this part of the world
..... and to access decision-makers throughout the region”

Dr Gerhard Dreger, President, VDE Global Services GmbH

Greater Pearl River Delta (PRD) Dynamics

- One-third of the Mainland exports and 13% of its industrial output originate from the PRD
- 75% of the world's microwave ovens, 55% of lighting fixtures, 50% of electric fans and 50% of rice cookers are manufactured in the PRD
- 65% of total cumulative FDI invested in Guangdong come from Hong Kong
- Hong Kong enterprises account for 72% of the total number of foreign-invested companies in the PRD
- Hong Kong companies own 55,200 manufacturing enterprises, 57,500 factories and employ 9.6 million employees in the PRD
- Hong Kong handles 80% of the PRD's imports and exports; 80% of Hong Kong traders source from the PRD
- Firmly established as a two-way platform for international trade in and out of the PRD, Hong Kong continues to provide convenient, easy and reliable access to the “Factory of the World”.

Examples of goods produced in the Pearl River Delta

Dongguan: top global producer of PCs and accessories, mobile phones, footwear, textiles, leather household appliances.

Foshan: plastics, bicycles, furniture, household appliances, machinery, ceramics, textiles, garments.

Guangzhou: transport, electronic and telecommunication equipment, electrical equipment and machinery, raw chemicals; also light manufacturing.

Huizhou: DVD and VCD players, laser diodes, batteries, telephones, computer circuit boards, electronic components.

Jiangmen: iron, steel, metal products, office equipment, instruments and meters, raw chemical materials, garments, textiles.

Shenzhen: hi-tech led by electronic and telecommunication equipment; also watches, clocks, gifts.

Zhongshan: electronic and telecommunication equipment, electrical products, iron and steel, plastic products, leather, garments, chemicals, textiles.

Zhuhai: electronic and telecommunication equipment, electric equipment and machinery.



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