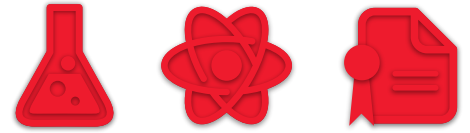


Industrial Testing, Inspection and Certification



“Establishing our fifth international laboratory in Hong Kong - where GIA has provided gemological education programmes for more than 20 years - was a key step in the global expansion of our laboratory services.”

**Thomas M. Moses, Senior Vice President for Laboratory and Research
Gemological Institute of America**

With the active manufacturing and export activities in Mainland China, especially in the Pearl River Delta (PRD), the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong has been playing a significant role in the region. Hong Kong's convenient location on the south coast of Mainland China, its transparent international business environment, high-quality infrastructure, together with the robust protection of intellectual property rights under Hong Kong's sound legal framework as well as a deep pool of talent, Hong Kong has built a high level of integrity and credibility to make it

the preferred location for testing, inspection and certification operators.

In 2013, the total business receipts of the private independent establishments in the industry were about HK\$11.8 billion. There were about 610 private independent establishments in the industry. About 95 percent of the operations were small and medium enterprises engaging less than 50 persons. Among them, 23 establishments accounted for about 62 percent of the persons engaged and some 70 percent of business receipts.

Advantages and Opportunities

- The large volume of production and export of goods from the PRD makes it economical to establish testing, inspection and certification facilities in Hong Kong
- Hong Kong provides convenient, easy and reliable access to the Mainland market which means Chinese manufactured products can be more cost-effectively tested in comparison with elsewhere.
- Hong Kong's world class transport and telecommunication infrastructure, together with seamless logistics support are promising to efficient operation of any testing, inspection and certification companies
- The HKSAR Government is committed to developing Hong Kong into a testing and certification hub in the region by reinforcing the branding "Tested in Hong Kong Certified in Hong Kong". Hong Kong's robust accreditation system provides assurance to users of testing and certification services all over the world
- Sophisticated corporate governance ensures efficient operation with fast response to new market demand. Hong Kong thrives on strong work ethics and workforce with high integrity. The multi-lingual ability of professionals in Hong Kong facilitates communication among buyers, manufactures, and service providers
- Hong Kong has a growing cluster of the world's leading players in the industry, providing customers with a wide range of choice to meet their specific needs
- There are no entry barriers to establishing a presence in Hong Kong. Participation in industry associations or accreditation schemes is voluntary
- The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge that is under construction will further open up the western part of the PRD to Hong Kong. This will strengthen Hong Kong's role as the central service centre for testing, inspection and certification for the southern China region



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Framework for Success

Hong Kong offers a transparent and internationally integrated framework for testing, inspection and certification operators. The Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) provides accreditation for laboratories, certification and inspection bodies in accordance with international standards. The accreditation service of HKAS is widely recognised through international and regional

mutual recognition arrangements. HKAS is a signatory to the multilateral recognition arrangement administered by the Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC), the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC), and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

Testing, Inspection and Certification Companies in Hong Kong

- ALS (Australia)
- British Standards Institution (UK)
- Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (France)
- China Inspection Company Ltd (Mainland China)
- CMA Testing and Certification Laboratories (Hong Kong)
- Fugro (The Netherlands)
- Gemological Institute of America (US)
- Hohenstein Laboratories (Germany)
- Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre (Hong Kong)
- Intertek Testing Services (UK)
- Japan Recreation and Miscellaneous Goods Safety Laboratory (Japan)
- SGS (Switzerland)
- TUV Rheinland (Germany)

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