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## CHINA CNCA ENFORCES CMAF ACCREDITATION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD CERTIFICATION BODIES

On 31 October 2012, the Certificate and Accreditation Administration (CNCA) of the People's Republic of China published an announcement to actively enforce China's Metrology Accreditation Food Inspection Agency (CMAF). The purpose of CMAF accreditation and supervision for food certification bodies is to standardize the activities of food certification bodies.

CMAF is responsible for the mandatory qualification of food certification bodies in China. CMAF monitors food and relevant testing, such as food, farm produce, food additive, health food and food packaging.

The announcement authorized the Municipal Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision at the province level to launch the following requirements:

- Enforce training and persuade food certification bodies to obtain the accreditation by CMAF;
- To strictly examine and approve food certification bodies to obtain accreditation by CMAF;
- To complete the requirements for supervision of the accreditation of food certification bodies;
- Investigate illegal behavior, unqualified and out of CMAF scope activity of food certification bodies;
- CNCA will install a referral information system of all food certification bodies within the CMAF scope;

The local Municipal Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision has begun to arrange the supervision and investigation of CMAF accreditation, the scope of food certification bodies, and the penalization of laboratories for testing in violation of their scope. These laboratories in violation are to resolve their violations with action plans or will no longer to be accredited by CMAF. In China mainland, every food laboratory should be qualified under CMAF certification, and follow the CMAF regulation.



Reference:

<http://www.cnca.gov.cn/cnca/zwx/xwdt/zxtz/684933.shtml>

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