

**PART IV RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATION BODIES
AND RECOGNIZED MANUFACTURERS**

B.9 Recognized certification bodies

- (1) Recognized certification bodies (RCB) are those certification bodies recognized by the Director as qualified to issue certificates of safety compliance in respect of specified classes of electrical products. A certification or testing organization applying for registration as a RCB under the Regulation should satisfy either one of the following criteria:
- (A) The organization has been accepted as one of the National Certification Bodies (NCBs) under the IECEE CB Scheme;
 - (B) The organization has been accredited by the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) or by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) under the test category of electrical and electronic products; or
 - (C) The organization has been accredited by an accreditation scheme which has a mutual recognition agreement with HOKLAS or HKAS under the test category of electrical and electronic products.
- (2) The full name of the CB Scheme is "The Scheme of the IECEE for Recognition of Results of Testing to Standards for Safety of Electrical Equipment". The participants in the CB Scheme are formally the member organizations of the IECEE, having appointed National Certification Bodies (NCBs) as published in the CB Bulletin. The NCBs are organizations that, at national level, operate a safety certification or approval scheme for electrical products. There are 61 NCBs in 47 countries registered under the CB Scheme as at June 2007. More information on the CB Scheme and the CB Bulletin are available from:
- IECEE
c/o IEC Central Office
3 rue de Varembeé
P.O. Box 131
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland
- Fax 41 22 919 03 00
- (3) The Hong Kong Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) is a voluntary scheme, open to any Hong Kong laboratory that performs objective testing falling within the scope of the Scheme and meeting the HOKLAS criteria of competence. The aims of HOKLAS are :
- (A) to upgrade the standard of testing and management of Hong Kong laboratories;
 - (B) to identify and officially recognize competent testing laboratories in

- Hong Kong;
- (C) to promote the acceptance of test data from accredited laboratories, both locally and internationally.

HOKLAS has been expanded in 1998 to form the Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS). HKAS will offer, in a phased programme, a comprehensive range of accreditation services including accreditation of quality system certification bodies, inspection bodies, product certification bodies, environmental management system certification bodies. HOKLAS has been subsumed and operates under HKAS.

Further information on HOKLAS and HKAS can be obtained from:

Quality Services Division
Innovation and Technology Commission
36/F Immigration Tower
7 Gloucester Road
Wanchai
Hong Kong

Tel. (852) 2829 4837

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- (4) Up to June 2007, HKAS has concluded a number of mutual recognition agreements/arrangements with 56 laboratory accreditation bodies.
- (5) All recognized certification bodies have to be registered with the Director through the following procedures :
- (A) The organization submits an application for recognition to the Director in writing with the following details :
- (I) Name, address, telephone and fax numbers and the responsible persons of the organization.
- (II) Details of the scheme under which the organization is recognized/accredited, e.g. HOKLAS/HKAS or IECEE CB Scheme etc, the registration number and certified true copy of the registration certificate concerned.
- (III) The test categories of accreditation, types of product & safety standard accredited under the relevant scheme.
- (B) The application should be accompanied by payment of the application fee, as stipulated in the Regulation.
- (C) The Director will assess the details of the application and will request for further information as necessary from the applicant.

- (D) The applicant will be notified by the Director of the result of the application upon receipt of all necessary information requested by the Director.
- (6) A list of recognized certification bodies registered with the Director as qualified to issue certificates of safety compliance will be gazetted. The specified classes of electrical products which may be certified by these bodies will be specified in the list. The list is also available for public inspection at the Customer Services Office of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department at G/F, 3 Kai Shing Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong during office hours. Annex 2 of the Notes shows the list of recognized certification bodies. The current list of recognized certification bodies can also be found at EMSD's website: <http://www.emsd.gov.hk>.
- (7) The criteria and procedures for revocation of the recognition of a recognized certification body are stipulated in Section 9 of the Regulation.