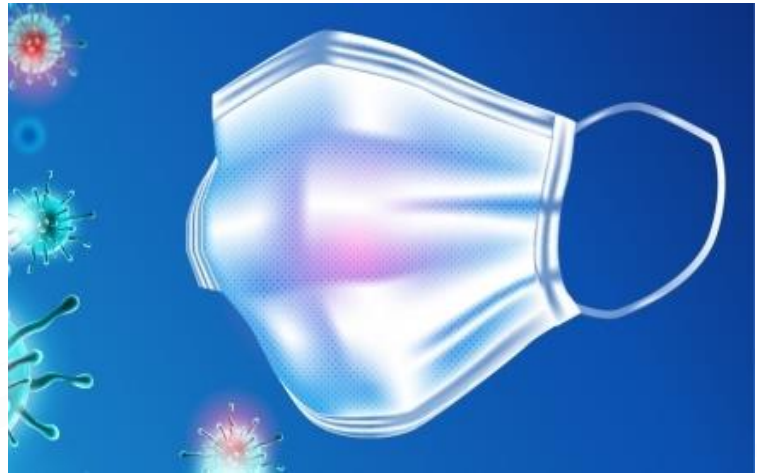


## 1. Great News! STC is the first accredited Face Mask Testing Laboratory in Hong Kong

In view of the spread of the COVID-19 in Hong Kong, the demand for masks has surged significantly, aggravating the acute supply shortage situation in Hong Kong. In April 2020, the HKSAR Government allocated HKD 1.5 billion



under Anti-epidemic Fund and launched the “Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme”. Due to lack of all-rounded face mask testing services in Hong Kong, the government-funded local face mask manufacturers have no choices but to send their samples to overseas for testing, which is time-consuming and inconvenient. Now, STC (Hong Kong Standards and Testing Centre) has invested heavily in full-featured equipment to provide face mask testing in full capability and deliver faster testing services in Hong Kong. It can largely shorten their product launching period. In addition, STC can undertake quality verification locally and it benefits the community ultimately. STC provides face mask and medical devices testing services. For details, please email [hkstc@stc.group](mailto:hkstc@stc.group).

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## 2. The State Administration for Market Regulation Announced 16 Batches of Unqualified

### Food



The State Administration for Market Regulation implemented random inspections on food safety monitoring, sampling 1,775 batches of samples in 30 food categories including processed grain products, edible agricultural products, food, dairy products, beverages, alcohol, pastries,

aquatic products, condiments, oils and their products. Among those 16 batches of samples in 8 categories of food including edible agricultural products, pastries, roasted food and nut products, starch and starch products, convenience food, potato and puffed food, bee products, and meat products were found to be unqualified. The main problems focused on microbial contamination, excessive pesticide and veterinary drug residues, heavy metal contamination, and quality below standards. Product sampling results can be found at <https://spcjsac.gsxt.gov.cn/>.

For the unqualified food found in the random inspections, the State Administration of Market Regulation has instructed the provincial market regulation departments of Beijing, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi, Guangxi, Chongqing, Gansu, and other provincial-level market regulation departments to immediately organize the inspections and disposal of the unqualified products, track on product transportation flow, take measures such as taking off-shelf to recall unqualified products in order to control risks. In conclusion, violations of

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STC laboratories in different regions provide GB testing services for Chinese toys, textiles, light industrial products, furniture, food and cosmetics. For details, please email [hkstc@stc.group](mailto:hkstc@stc.group).

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### 3. Notice of CNCA on Streamlined Procedures of the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) Export-to-Domestic Products



According to the notice issued by the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People's Republic of China (CNCA) in accordance with the

"Implementation Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Supporting the Transformation of Exported Products to Domestic Sales" (Guobanfa [2020] No. 16), CCC designated testing and certification organizations have been requested to streamline the CCC procedures for export-to-domestic products as well as acceptance and recognition of conformity assessment results in compliance with regulations, effectiveness, quality and risk management so as to shorten the certification issuance lead time and reduce costs.

The CNCA stated that the CCC designated organizations should report the updated working status under the streamlined procedures by September 15, 2020 and December 15, 2020 respectively.

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STC provides the first-hand information in aspects of strengthening services, streamlining procedures, simplifying certificates issuance, and cost reduction to our clients. STC's laboratories are designated by the CNCA to undertake CCC testing tasks. If you have any queries, please email [hkstc@stc.group](mailto:hkstc@stc.group).

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