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China Certification

Your Guide to Hassle-Free CCC Certification
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1. General information about the CCC certification

1.1. The CCC Certification
The China Compulsory Certificate (also known as CCC or "3C" certificate) was established in 2002 according to the legal requirements and guidelines of the People’s Republic of China.

The certificate is required for imported and domestic products. Only products with CCC certification are allowed to be imported into China, sold in China or used in China. For manufactures and importers who plan to enter the Chinese market, it is essential to understand the CCC requirements and process and ensure that all products have the proper certification and markings.

1.2. CCC Law and Fines
It is unlawful to use, sell, trade, import or distribute products that are required to have CCC that are not CCC Certified. The unauthorized marking or labeling of CCC is also an offence. Offenders will be duly prosecuted under the Chinese law.

1.3. Relevant Chinese Authorities
The CCC mark is administrated by the CNCA (Certification and Accreditation Administration) and AQSIQ (General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine). The CCAP (China Certification Centre for Automotive Products) performs the certifications for automotive suppliers while the China Quality Certification Centre (CQC) handles the CCC certification for all kinds of products.

1.4. Necessity of Certification
All products mentioned in the official catalogue published by CNCA and AQSIQ require certification. In addition to the catalogue, the CNCA and the AQSIQ regularly announce new products that are subject to certification.

Due to the differences in testing criteria, there are four different types of CCC marks. The designated mark for safety is “S,” electromagnetic compatibility is “EMC,” electromagnetic compatibility and safety is “S&E” and fire protection is “F.”
2. The Certification Procedure

2.1. Introduction

Once your company receives CCC certification, you can enjoy numerous competitive advantages such as:

- The ability to freely harness the huge potential of the Chinese market and import products into China without any problems at Customs
- Reduced time and cost for future certification: after a successful first-time certification, new products can be certified quickly and inexpensively
- Provide your customers with offers for CCC certified products without delay

Additionally, if you choose China Certification as your partner for the CCC certification process you can enjoy the following advantages:

- All inclusive pricing, so you know the exact cost with getting CCC certified
- Reduced certification time
- China Certification will be responsible for all communication and planning with Chinese authorities
- You will be able to maintain your focus on your field of expertise while China Certification handles the rest
The certification process takes place in six stages; the most important of which are the product testing and the factory audit.

The diagram below outlines the process with a corresponding timeline.

**Process Overview:**

1. **Preparation and Application:** Submission of the application along with all of the supporting documentation.

2. **Receive a Factory Code:** A factory code is provided along with requirements for product testing.

3. **Product Tests:** A CNCA-designated test laboratory in China tests product samples.

4. **Factory Inspection:** The certification authority will send auditors to inspect the manufacturing facility. The audits usually take two days.

5. **Approval of the CCC-Certificate:** The results of the product tests and factory inspection will be reviewed. If the application is successful, the CCC certificate will be assigned. If the application is not successful, the CCC review will contain a detailed explanation. Re-applying, retesting and further inspections are possible.

6. **Product Marking:** After the approval of CNCA, which authorizes printing permission, products can be marked with the CCC logo to indicate they have been certified.

7. **Follow-up Certification and Audit:** Follow-up certifications will be conducted every 12 months after the initial audit. The procedures are very similar to the first certification, but the mandatory follow-up audit only takes one day. The results of the follow-up inspections will be checked and the certificate will be confirmed if all requirements are fulfilled. Five years after the initial CCC certificate is issued, a follow-up recertification audit will usually take two days and tests in China will be requested.
2.2. The Product Test

Product testing will be done at an accredited test laboratory in China and usually takes 2-8 weeks depending on the product. During certification, one product test for each certification unit must be performed according to Chinese GB (GB stands for Guobiao, or in English, “National Standard”) standards.

The Chinese standards correspond largely to European ECE and other international standards, however the Chinese authorities do not recognize any tests except those conducted in Chinese test labs for the purpose of certification.

The testing laboratory in China will be assigned to the applicant by the certification authority, but it is also possible to name a preferred laboratory in China. All tests reports are issued in Chinese.

2.3. The Factory Inspection

The factory inspection lasts anywhere from one to five days, however typically two inspectors can manage an inspection in two days. Usually one auditor handles the document checks while the other focuses on quality management. The auditors always come from two different departments, ensuring a more diligent audit.

The purpose of the audit is to ensure that the Chinese standards for quality management are met and all relevant CCC regulations are known and fulfilled. The inspection is done by using checklists and in many ways, it is similar to other international quality management audits.

The audit is carried out according to the following requirements:

- The quality management must meet all of CNCA’s requirements and must be regularly updated
- The products produced during the audit must be the same as the products sent to the test lab
- The CCC marking process should to be documented and a procedure should exist to ensure that no products are marked with the CCC mark before they are certified
- The factory must have internal testing devices for the product or ensure that regular external testing takes place
- All employees working in quality management must have relevant qualifications
- The requirements of the corresponding GB standards must be fulfilled

The factory audit typically causes concerns for new applicants, however the Chinese authorities will only be checking the following four conditions:

- Does the quality system of the manufacturer follow the Chinese requirements?
- Do the products presented for testing resemble the real products?
- How does the manufacturer ensure CoP (Conformity of Production) for its products?
- How are the results of tests and quality checks documented?
The manufacturer is obliged to grant the auditors access to any area of production and quality management that is connected with the products to be certified. Access to other areas can be denied in a friendly manner, if they are irrelevant to the products being certified.

Additionally, the manufacturer must assume all costs associated with the audit such as:

- Travel costs for inspectors to and from China
- Travel costs within the country including accommodation and other related expenses
- Fees for carrying out the inspection
- Hiring an interpreter
- As well as any additional expenses incurred during the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the audit

Since the inspections are required for all plants where the final production step takes place, the inspection of several plants should be combined in an "inspection tour". This can reduce travel expenses and shorten the overall process.

The tour must be diligently tailored to harmonize with the planning of the certification authority and should take into consideration any necessary visas that need to be organized beforehand. Since the process for Chinese citizens to obtain a visa for North America or Europe takes time, the dates for the inspections should be agreed upon as early as possible.

CCC audits should be taken very seriously. Since the establishment of CCC in 2002, the auditors have gained considerable experience and the quality of the certification can be compared with other international quality certifications. Quality control will be inspected diligently for weaknesses. Preparation for the audit should be carried out according to "Implementation Rules for Compulsory Certification".

Preparation for the audit, including updating any documentation, is strongly recommended. The Chinese auditors expect that in the internal quality manuals, CCC standards are explicitly recognized and Chinese testing rules for internal processes are noted.

For the factory inspection, descriptions of the major manufacturing and inspection processes as well as existing approvals and official certifications, are to be compiled beforehand. For companies with prior ISO certification, the factory inspection is similar, but significantly less difficult.
2.4. Certification Procedure FAQs

How do I find out whether my product requires CCC?
Please see the product list on our website for complete coverage of all products which require CCC.

Is it possible to complete the CCC process alone?
Everyone is entitled to apply for CCC. Nevertheless, lacking connections, relationships with authorities (guanxi), and experience, as well as limited knowledge about the certification process, can lead to higher costs and longer certification periods. As the certification authority does not indicate any application errors or give council on filling out forms, certification can be complicated, especially for first time applicants, even if they are familiar with Chinese regulations and necessary documents.

Do I need to travel to China during the CCC process?
No, it is not necessary to travel to China. Sometimes, however, it can be advisable to send someone to coordinate product testing with the test labs, which can simplify the procedure, possibly leading to fewer tests and thereby cutting costs.

What about cultural differences when dealing with the auditors?
If you choose to have China Certification accompany your CCC process, our expert Chinese interpreter understands and will take care of these matters.

No matter what happens during the audit, it is always important to stay courteous and calm. It is advisable to abide by all reasonable requests made by the auditors. It is best to say “no”, only in extreme cases. In most cases, simply advise the interpreter if you would like to deny a certain request, and he or she will choose the right words to deal with this matter.

Does my Quality Manager or anyone else need training?
Usually no special training is needed if the factory has ISO or any other quality management certificates. If this is not the case, then it is necessary for the Quality Manager and possibly his/her team to receive some training to fulfill the requirements.

Many people report CCC problems suddenly arising after many years of hassle-free cross-border shipment. How is this possible? How can I protect myself against sudden changes?
Ultimately, there is no protection against sudden changes. Rules can change, sometimes with only 3 months forewarning, although 12 months is the typical announcement time. Announcements are not made in English, which makes it difficult for foreign companies to learn about these changes and prepare accordingly. Also, sometimes customs officers can make mistakes and assume a particular product requires CCC even if it does not.

How can I best prepare myself for certification?
Testing for certification follows a certain GB Standard, therefore the best way to prepare is to check the appropriate product standard, understand the Chinese regulations and read through the corresponding checklists.
Do I need to worry about my intellectual property during certification?
If you follow a few rules you do not have to worry about your expertise being tapped. With good preparation, you can direct the audit so that as little know-how as possible is disclosed. By submitting only rough draft product drawings and savvy handling of application documents, the risk can be further minimized.

Which factories need to be audited?
Usually the factory where the complete product is made or the last quality assurance steps are taken is the one to be audited.

3. After the Certification Procedure

3.1. The CCC Certificate
After evaluating the results of product testing and factory inspection, the CCC certificate is issued or rejected (if rejected, reasons are provided). The awarded certificate contains the manufacturer, plant name, trademark, part numbers and product name, relevant Chinese norms and standards, and the date of issue.

The CCC certificate is issued in English and Chinese and sent to the manufacturer. A corresponding entry is made in the database of the certification authority (CNCA) that allows customs to verify whether the imported goods are certified. Even though the certification is logged into a national database, the CCC mark must be affixed to every product entering China.

3.2. CCC Marking
After CNCA issues the "printing permission", the CCC mark and factory code of the plant must be attached to the certified parts. Alternative methods are available, although not all the methods are approved for all components.

The most popular methods for marking the CCC logo and factory code onto the product are:
• Pressure stamping, molding or laser
• Printing
• Applying original CCC stickers (purchased from CNCA) or gluing a manufacturer-printed label to the component

The products may only be marked with the CCC mark and factory code after printing permission is issued for that specific marking solution. Any markings made before permission is granted may result in the termination of the CCC certificate and additional fines may be imposed.

The size of the CCC mark can be chosen by the manufacturer, but the proportions of the CCC logo may not be changed. Regardless of size, the CCC mark and factory code must always be legible. In the case of using an original CCC sticker, the factory code is printed
on each label. For self-printed labels and other marking solutions, the factory code can be placed anywhere in the immediate vicinity of the logo.

In general, the CCC mark on parts that are installed in vehicles, machines, etc., does not need to be visible when the part is fitted in. Therefore, the CCC mark on these components will usually be hidden on the back or underside. Exceptions in the automotive industry are headlights, reflectors and a few other designated parts. For these parts, the CCC mark must be clearly visible when installed. For all other products such as IT products the CCC mark and factory code is usually integrated on the nameplate.

3.3. Follow-Up Certification

It should be noted that manufacturers must initiate all follow-up inspections, therefore the manufacturer must file a request with the Chinese authorities giving ample time to conduct a follow-up audit before their certificate expires and becomes invalid.

Significant differences exist in the complexity and extent of the fields to be examined between an initial inspection and follow-up inspection. Typically, the initial inspection is carried out in about two days; whereas at a follow-up audit generally finished after just one day. Follow-up inspections are required to be completed annually. Five years after the initial CCC certificate is issued, a recertification follow-up audit will usually take two days and product tests in China will be necessary.

3.4. Change Management

The CCC certificate contains a reference to the underlying test specifications and information about the manufacturer and certified product. The importance of this information is often not sufficiently acknowledged as the certificate becomes invalid if any of the following details change:

- A change in the name of the manufacturer
- A change in the address of the manufacturer
- Relocation or expansion of production into a new manufacturing facility
- The product is given a new model name. [Please note: when in the application a part number or item number is specified as the model name, then even product changes that are not actually relevant for certification can make a CCC recertification necessary, simply due to the part number being changed.]

A recertification is also required if any of the other information on the CCC certificate is changed such as:

- Certifiably relevant change on the part
- Change of supplier
- Change of production facility
- CNCA has changed the rules or standards (for example, issues a newer version of a GB Standard)
Also note that any change in the method or style of CCC marking requires a new printing permission from CNCA.

3.5. Post-Certification FAQs

Will CCC still exist 10 years from now?
There is no sign that CCC will be suspended in the near future, instead it is being continuously expanded, with more products being added regularly. For example in 2014, child restraint systems were added to the official CCC product catalogue. In 2015, CNCA published new implementation rules for CCC certification of automotive components. The new regulations go along with significant changes for automotive suppliers, especially for manufacturers of interior trimming materials. We expect that in the coming years, alloy wheels and washer systems will also become CCC mandatory.

Will my certificate lose viability?
Your certificate will not lose viability as long as yearly follow-up audits are conducted. Please keep in mind that for the follow-up certification an audit is mandatory, so it is advisable to plan accordingly. All CCC certificates usually expire within 4-5 years. The CCC certificate holder should apply for prolongation at least 3 months prior to expiration.

What do I do once I my product is certified—can I just export the marked items and expect a hassle-free cross-border shipment?
Yes, with your CCC certificate, the Chinese market is completely open for you to enter and flourish.

Where do I obtain CCC stickers? How much do they cost?
You can buy your stickers from us as a part of a consulting package (without additional costs). There are contraband stickers in circulation, which can lead to problems at customs. The costs for stickers are generally very low, between 0.01 – 0.08 USD, so please refer to a trusted source if you obtain your stickers elsewhere.

Regarding change management, what are the procedures and duration? What should I do to optimize beforehand?
Every change of CCC involves costs. In cases where no additional product tests are required, only application fees will be charged.

Companies that have CCC certificates always need to implement good change management. Change management applications can be completed by the manufacturer if they are familiar with the Chinese forms and regulations, or an experienced service provider can be used to advise them. The automotive industry is a good example of an industry where good change management procedures are of vital importance.

Do the Chinese authorities inform CCC-holders about changes in the regulatory system?
The short answer is no. Information is only provided in Chinese and is not freely distributed. Companies are obligated to conduct their own research regarding changes if they do not hire an advisory firm to monitor changes that would affect product compliance.
4. Automotive Certification

4.1. CCC for Automotive Suppliers

Chinese regulation are rigorously followed for CCC certification of auto parts and vehicles. Deadlines are strictly observed, product tests and audits are very thorough and change management needs to be strategically prepared for, given the dynamic nature of the automotive sector.

In addition to clarifying if certification is mandatory for products and then summarizing the products in certification units, it is often unclear which factory will be audited. In general, it is assumed that the factory where the complete product is made or the last quality assurance steps are taken will be the one to be audited.

In China, GB Standards apply. Please see the following pages to find out which GB standards apply to particular products or if a certain product even requires CCC. The GB Standard (GB stands for Guobiao, or in English, "National Standard") is the basis for the product testing conducted during CCC certification. The GB Standards are quite specific, so if there is no corresponding GB Standard for a particular product, then CCC is not required.

Cars themselves are subject to certification, as well as numerous individual parts within them. Parts certification or the individual certification of various components is the preferred solution, as service parts exported to China may be detained by Chinese customs if missing the required CCC mark. The vehicle manufacturer may be permitted a certain range of parts included in the overall vehicle certification, but this typically implies a lot of additional effort whenever changes in any of the components or suppliers are made. In addition, these components, that are not certified, cannot be marked with the CCC mark.

4.2. GB Standards

For complete implementation of the certification of the entire vehicle, as well as to ensure a smooth flow of supplies for service parts, it is necessary to certify all products in the following areas:

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### 4.3. Duration

The duration of an automotive certification process depends on several factors, such as:

- Knowledge of the Chinese CCC system and prior certification experience
- Support from an experienced consulting firm who has good relations with Chinese authorities and test labs
- A production facility that has already undergone a previous CCC certification audit by the Chinese authorities

Without the assistance of a specialized service provider, an initial CCC certification including audits of all production facilities may take six or more months. Certifications organized by China Certification usually take around four months from start to finish, though we have accomplished express certifications in as little as two and a half months in the past.

### 4.4. Cost Example

The following is an informal cost example for two vehicle headlights with three different functions each (two certification units). This example does not include consulting fees or the cost of a interpreter.
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4.5. **CCC for Automotive Interior Parts Manufacturers**

Problems with accurate product classification commonly occur for interior trim parts. Due to the new CNCA implementation rules for interior trimming materials which came into force in 2015, car manufacturers and automotive suppliers are feeling even more uncertain about identifying CCC parts. Since January 2015, parts of the instrument panel, the center console and parts in a closed trunk became CCC mandatory.

For manufacturers of interior trim parts, the relevant standard is GB 8410 from 2006. The minimum size requirements for the CCC certification of interior trim parts are 356 mm x 100 mm according to Announcement No. 117 [2012] issued by CNCA and AQSIQ on 13 August 2012. In 2015, the size requirements for test samples were modified. Now, even parts with holes or uneven surfaces may be tested and get CCC certified.

Interior trimming manufacturers should carefully check for every single part whether CCC certification is required or not. Car manufacturers often ask for CCC certificates although the products do not fulfill the requirements and cannot get CCC certification. In this case, the interior trimming manufacturer is responsible to check if CCC is really needed.

There are special regulations for service parts delivery. These should be deeply discussed with the Chinese certification authorities in every single case.

Different parts of different sizes can be combined into one unit for CCC certification, if the following conditions are met:

- All parts contain the same materials (including the same surface materials)
- All parts have the same supplier for each material
- And all layers are of the same thickness
Colors are not important if the materials and material types are identical. China Certification will check, free of charge, for automobile suppliers and car manufacturers on the certification requirements for interior trim parts. Just call us or send us an email.

The position of the CCC mark on the component should be carefully chosen, as well the printing process by which it is applied. For interior trim parts, the CCC logo does not have to be visible—unlike for other products such as safety belts.

The specification of the car manufacturer’s part number on the CCC should be avoided in most cases. These part numbers can change, and even when the changes are not relevant to the certification (e.g. just a change in the drawings), the CCC certificate would have to be changed as well, causing unnecessary effort and expense.

4.6.  **CCC for Car Manufacturers**

For automotive manufacturers, four services are generally of great value:

1. Determining whether CCC is required for their products
2. Consulting services for the certification of the complete car
3. Organizing suppliers for certification
4. On-going support services (for follow-up audits, certificate changes, information about CNCA changes, etc.).

Determining whether CCC is required is useful for service parts since these products can cause problems with customs in China. The need for certification should be monitored with the Chinese certification authorities for the most accurate, up-to-date information.

Consulting services for certification of the complete car will save effort in communicating with the CQC, test laboratories and other relevant authorities in China. In addition, all requirements such as audits and testing are handled in accordance with the most current regulations.

When it comes to suppliers, centralized organization and planning is far more efficient than asking each supplier to complete the certification process individual. Subsequently, certifying multiple suppliers at once will save manufacturers significant amounts of time and money.

Continuing support services are recommended in order to best manage GB standard updates and stay informed regarding all upcoming regulations. Frequent changes in regulations, yearly follow-up inspections as well as other related applications (certificate extension, changes) need to be observed in order to maintain compliance, and validity of the certificate to ensure a free flow of goods into China.
4.7. Automotive Certification FAQs

**How did China Certification become a specialist in automotive CCC?**
When we launched our CCC consulting business, we experienced high demand in the automotive industry as we are headquartered in Germany, the biggest exporter of luxury cars into China. As the years have passed, we are proud to be the highest recommended advisory service for automotive CCC.

**Regarding automotive certification, when is an “all parts certification” NOT the best option?**
The “all parts certification” might not be the best option when small volume series, such as sport cars, are to be exported to China. In this case, it is better to certify the whole car first and handle service parts later, as needed.

**How significant is the savings, when centralizing the certification of multiple suppliers at once?**
This can be a huge win, win for all involved. The monetary saving can be significant, depending on the number of suppliers, but there is also a huge savings in time and coordination of the audit trip.

**How can I keep auditors from doing things they have no right to do (e.g. take photos, request confidential documents, download from computers, etc.) without jeopardizing a positive outcome of the audit?**
The auditors are mindful of your privacy concerns, and go out of their way to only ask for what is necessary. Alert the interpreter if any unusual or suspicious acts are witnessed. He will speak with the auditors directly, and it should not affect the outcome of your audit.

**Is it a good idea to push Chinese authorities?**
Since time plays a decisive role, it is often tempting to put pressure on the Chinese authorities to quicken the certification process. This should only be attempted if a personal relationship with long standing contacts exists. Without strong relationships, trying to hurry the Chinese authorities will most likely only have negative consequences.

**Is there an authority I can refer to if I feel I’m being mistreated by the Chinese authorities?**
One can complain to CNCA or AQSIQ, though this is only fruitful in very particular cases. It can also have negative consequences if complaints are not well formulated or are wrongly directed. It is highly recommended to evaluate other options before you take this step. Professional consulting can significantly reduce the risk of misinterpretation and conflicts that may arise.
5. CCC Made Easy: China Certification

Since 2005, China Certification has been helping companies around the world to obtain CCC certification.

The headquarters of MPR China Certification GmbH is based in Frankfurt, Germany. Through our subsidiary in Chicago, China Certification Corporation, we also serve the needs of our clients in the USA, Canada and Mexico. Our subsidiaries in Shanghai and Beijing cover the Chinese market and provide direct communication with the Chinese authorities and test labs.

We combine Western and Chinese strengths in our international management team, providing a multi-cultural understanding that shows in our work with clients, partners and certification authorities. Since 2005, we have provided comprehensive certification assistance for all product areas that require CCC and currently handle certification for more than a hundred factories including overseeing certification applications, follow up audits and change management.

Our strengths include:

- We have **Years of personal relationships** with key certification authorities and testing laboratories, which help facilitate the certification process on many levels (for example, getting the desired audit schedules or getting the testing of various products in one certification unit accepted).
- Our team combines specialized expertise and well-developed communication skills. **Our consultants will share with you the exact know-how you need, while still always carefully listening to your needs.** Our audit interpreters have been dealing with CCC since its beginning and will work towards creating a smooth audit experience for everyone.
- **Fast certification:** Our service packages ensure a very fast certification so that you can meet your deadlines.
- **Excellent quality:** The quality of our services and certification process is very important to us, so we monitor them closely to make sure we maintain excellence.
Please contact us for an individual offer for your certification plan. Our quotes are transparent and include all related costs. Call us at (773)-654-2673 (for US clients) or +49 69 2713769 150 (for European clients) or send an email to usa@china-certification.com or europe@china-certification.com.

5.1. Automotive CCC: The Specialty of China Certification

Automotive CCC is something China Certification has a unique expertise in. With our experienced certification planning and close contacts in China, our clients always meet their deadlines. We are proud of our impeccable track record and will continue to rely on our proven strategy of high-quality service delivery.

Whether you are in the early stages of planning or have already obtained CCC certification and are now preparing for follow-up audits, China Certification can make the process smooth and stress free. Contact us to learn more.

5.2. Services: Benefits of All-Inclusive Certification

China Certification offers a complete package for CCC certification, in which your company will receive the best possible service. You will have a personal contact that is available to you at any time to answer any questions. They will be directly accountable to take care of your needs.

The shortest route to CCC certification is China Certification’s all-inclusive package. We understand that CCC can be complex for manufacturers, therefore we competently cater to your needs at every level by providing the following services:

1. Checking the necessity of certification for products
2. Complete CCC application preparation (including assistance with form completion, communication with the certification authority, and handling the necessary payments)
3. Complete handling of the product testing (completion of the customs clearance, document exchange, handling of payments, communication with Chinese test labs and evaluation of test reports)
4. Complete audit preparation (application, coordination and communication with the certification authority, document exchange, handling of payments, organization of inspection and travel program, as well as providing the required documents, information and checklists for the audit preparation)
5. Complete audit escort (travel escort for the auditors), a professional interpreter (Chinese-English) for the audit and translation of the inspection report
6. Complete preparation for obtaining your CCC printing permission (advice on marking best practices, application for printing permission and templates for product labeling with the CCC logo and factory code)
7. Complete organization of annual follow-up certification, including the audit
8. And prolongation of the printing permission after the annual follow-up audit
If needed, we can provide pre-audits to ensure a positive result for the CCC audit. We also assist our clients with revising their quality management documents as well as any other documented procedures related to certification.

Many of the automotive industry leaders rely on our services for speed and accuracy in assisting them to get their certification. Contact us today to provide you with a transparent, all-inclusive quote.

5.3. Awards

MPR China Certification GmbH was awarded by the China Certification Center for Automotive Products (CCAP) as part of CCAP’s 15th anniversary celebration. China Certification was the only foreign certification company awarded as an “Outstanding Certification Company” by CCAP Managing Director Mr. Qiang Yi.

September 2014, representatives of the “National Center of Supervision and Inspection on Motor Vehicle Products Quality (Shanghai) and Shanghai Motor Vehicle Inspection Center” presented Mr. Julian Busch, CEO of MPR China Certification GmbH, an award. It was granted due to the company’s outstanding performance in the area of CCC certification of complete vehicles and automotive parts.
5.4. Client Testimonials

Here is what some of our clients are saying about their experience with us:

“MPR China Certification GmbH has been able to provide an excellent service regarding the CCC Certification. Availability, competence, kindness and respect of the agreed deadlines were perfect. We were able to finish the process even before the deadline. Their support regarding the official tests and the preparation for the audit was great. If help is necessary in the future, it would be a pleasure for us to work with MPR China Certification GmbH again.”

Carlo F., Test Manager, Maserati S.p.A. (FCA Group)

“For the CCC certification of our Bugatti Veyron for the Chinese market we had very critical deadlines. Fortunately, we found China Certification and were competently supported, both in terms of the vehicle-CCC and the CCC for our suppliers. We were able to certify our car models in time and can now deliver directly to China. Thank you for this excellent service!”

Jens L., Head of Homologation, Bugatti Engineering GmbH

“China Certification Corporation competently supported us in obtain our CCC certification. We have been very happy with all of the aspects of their pre-audit, complete service package, translation and ongoing compliance updates. We feel that China Certification Corporation is an excellent service provider, and gladly recommend them to others who are looking for assistance with CCC certification.”

Claudia S., Staff Project Manager, Tesla Motors, Inc.

“We have certified in recent years numerous plants with MPR China Certification GmbH. Due to the presence and the good contacts in China, the certifications could be conducted timely, its high action and reaction speed distinguish MPR China Certification GmbH. We are very pleased and appreciate the fair price and the wide range of offered services. There were no costs subsequently charged, making budgeting easy. By these means, thanks again.”

Daniel W., Program Quality Leader, Faurecia

“China Certification Corporation took the complex task of certifying our goods for the Chinese market and made it effortless. Their expertise and knowledge of the many requirements helped us meet our goals well before our customer deadlines.”

Chris N., Sales Coordinator, Vuteq USA, Inc.

“As one of the biggest car part manufacturers, we want to work together only with entirely trustworthy partners. When we urgently needed CCC for parts produced in one plant in Kentucky, we decided to hire China Certification. They did a great job, cleanly delivered before deadlines and we saved a lot of work, time and money thanks to the fore- and insight provided. We’re completely satisfied and will certainly also contact them in the future when confronted with any CCC-issues.”

Randy H., Program Manager, Webasto Roof Systems Inc., USA
“With China Certification, we have a very fast and professionally operating partner at our side, whose excellent contacts and good communication allows certification in the shortest possible time. Agreements have without exception always been complied with.”
Albert H., Corporate Quality Director Operations, IAC Group

“China Certification did a fine job on our CCC certification. Thank you, in particular for making our audit so pleasant and accurate.”
Marc S., Quality Manager, Cooper-Standard Automotive (Deutschland) GmbH

“We are an automotive supplier of plastic parts in the inner trim area and one of our customers asked us one day to obtain a CCC certification for our parts to sell the vehicle in China. We wanted to avoid making mistakes and therefore find a complete solution. China Certification has certainly delivered this. We are glad to have chosen the right provider.”
Dennis K., Head of Quality Assurance, Farmingtons Automotive GmbH

“To overcome the CCC-hurdle was an important priority for us because one of our most important customers insisted on speedy certification. We opted for the complete package from China Certification and have not regretted it.”
Tobias B., Project Manager, Peguform GmbH

“Anyone who needs CCC is well advised to choose the service pack from China Certification. We have used it in recent years for the certification of our products manufactured in a variety of factories and at all levels had a positive experience. We especially appreciated the good communication with Julian Busch, our contact person. Thank you Mr. Busch, keep up the good work.”
Marco G., Senior Commodity Manager, Webasto-Edscha Cabrio GmbH

“When we started out with our research concerning CCC, we were very surprised by the complexity of the certification process. But with China Certification, really everything from application to receipt of the printing permission worked out easy. Thank you, we are glad to have taken your service!”
Konrad G., Quality Manager, Management Systems, PARAT Beteiligungs GmbH
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5.5. **Pricing**

In our all-inclusive package, all costs are covered.

To get a quote for an all-inclusive certification, please contact us via email or phone. Rest assured that our rates are competitive and all our services are fair and transparently priced.

We can offer various options if you only require assistance with certain aspects of certification, but our full package is recommended, since it is complete and covers all of the necessary services.

5.6. **Executive Board**

Mr. Julian Busch and Mr. Christoph Graffius, Management Team of China Certification
5.7. Our Team

The Team of China Certification

Our Team in Shanghai (China)
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Our Team in the USA
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5.9. Company Info FAQs

What are the advantages of an all-inclusive certification with China Certification?
By choosing a package that covers all the necessary consulting services, test fees, interpreter and government fees, you are completely covered for the certification. You will receive perfect execution at every level of the certification—from application preparation to hiring a competent testing laboratory and ensuring a smooth audit experience, we have you covered. With our all-inclusive certification package you know your costs upfront and will be able to stay on schedule.

What is your success rate?
We are proud to say that our certification success rate is 100%. Although, alternative certification strategies can yield a decent success rate, they are—without exception—prone to cause 2-3 times as much work for the company and take a much longer time. Errors are common without expert guidance, so if you include costs, time and hassle, alternative certification strategies may not be the best option for you.

What is the shortest time that certification has taken with the all-inclusive package?
Our shortest certification was 2.5 months, fulfilling a demand for a very fast certification from a hard-pressed client. The audit was able to be fast-tracked since travel was already planned for the certification authorities.

Have you ever given up on a client? Has a client ever given up on you?
We have never given up on a client and never had a client give up on us. Our success rate is, as stated above, 100%.
6. Afterword

Thank you for reading CCC Made Easy!

“At China Certification, we believe in the free trade of quality goods. We know, however, that control is necessary. Good product? Good opportunities? Then you should be stopped by no one. Your CCC success is our goal.”

Julian Busch, CEO

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