

China CCC Mark Position Statement

Background:

As of August 1, 2003, the Chinese government has implemented the mandatory application of the Chinese Compulsory Certificate (CCC) mark on products that ship into the Chinese marketplace. The application of the CCC mark is intended to supersede the CCIB or CCEE (Great Wall) marks used prior to this date. For covered products, failure to carry the correct marking for applicable products may result in, *inter alia*, stoppage of goods at customs for foreign companies and fines and suspension of future sales for domestic companies.

A representative CCC mark symbol is shown below for reference:



Scope:

The range of items covered by the CCC law is very broad and is updated from time to time. The most recent catalogue, which was published in 2014, contains 20 groups divided into 158 product categories. The product categories include items such as telecom products, electrical wiring, tools, household appliances etc. More details of the various categories and product types can be found at:

http://www.cnca.gov.cn/bsdt/ywzl/qzxcprz/mlmsyjd/201412/t20141224_48962.shtml.

MKS Impact:

In spite of the broad range of products covered by the CCC mark requirements; there is only one product category that might relate to the equipment made by MKS (designated as Low Voltage Electrical Apparatus). In order to understand the compliance impact to MKS, a review was performed to determine whether any categories of MKS equipment were found in the "Catalogue of the Products for which the China Compulsory Mark is Required" listing – which identifies those items subject to compulsory certification.

Based on this review, it has been determined that products made by MKS Instruments, Inc. are outside the scope of the China CCC mark requirements.



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