



Activity Title and Number: Distance learning / Dissemination and Capacity Building at provincial level A349-C2 EU-China Textile Seminar

Beneficiary: Ministry of Commerce of the PRC (MOFCOM), European Delegation to China and Mongolia (EUDEL)

Location and Date: Hubei Province, China. 27-28, May 2014

Stakeholders: Shanghai University of International Business and Economics Department; Province Departments of Commerce (DofCOMs); Local City Bureaus of Commerce (BofCOMs); Hubei Standardization Institute; other universities, Customers and local industries as applicable

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

EUCTP II and MOFCOM have agreed a national dissemination strategy to ensure that the learnings from EUCTP II activities on quality infrastructure - seminars, workshops and conferences - are disseminated across national and provincial authorities, regulators, and trade technical bodies responsible for enforcing trade rules. The content of the activities is being converted into open source e-learning modules that will be disseminated by Shanghai University, enabling easy access for stakeholders.

MOFCOM selected Hubei as the pilot province for the dissemination strategy to trial the best channels for reaching stakeholders and evaluate the results before rolling the strategy out nationwide. Several EUCTP II capacity building workshops and seminars on quality laboratory standards in Hubei province are currently being converted into e-learning courses to be disseminated in Hubei first.

This seminar on textiles and other future activities on textiles and automotive legislation and standards will also be converted into e-learning courses.

Activity Description

About 60 representatives from local industry, laboratories and enforcers participated in this seminar. The seminar focused on the differences between the EU and China legislation and adoption of standards. For example, in cases where the EU adopts an ISO in full and China makes modifications, this can result in non-compatible test results which create technical barriers to trade between both markets.

The following topics were discussed: (a) Introduction on EU textile standards and the major difference between EU and China Textile standards; (b) Conformity assessment; (c) EU Market surveillance on textiles; and (d) EU National Accreditation Scheme- ISO/IEC 17000 series.



Results and Dissemination

The seminar achieved the following:

- A clear and concise presentation of EU Standards related to textiles and their main differences;
- A platform for Hubei laboratories and industries to understand how related textile standards were applied in the EU and how conformity assessment and market surveillance is conducted in the EU.
- The seminar was recorded and is being developed into a distance learning course with a view to boosting the capacity of Chinese manufacturers to produce compliant equipment that can be exported to the EU.