



Eurofins formally opens its advanced food testing laboratory in China, with news of another accreditation and expanded capabilities

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Eurofins, the world's leading food testing company today formally opened its new food testing laboratory in Suzhou, China in a ceremony that was attended by Dr Gilles Martin, the CEO and founder of the Eurofins Group. The laboratory is now the only independent food testing laboratory in China that can provide a full international-standard service from start to finish. It was designed to provide services to both Chinese and overseas companies, taking advantage of its unique, proven and accredited ability to operate to the best European standards, coupled with in-depth understanding of the Chinese food industry. Further to the Eurofins press release* on its market-leading testing capabilities and accreditations (ISO:IEC 17025:2005 accreditation from CNAS in China), the laboratory has also received notification that it has passed the final audit for its accreditation from DACH of Germany. The Eurofins Group will continue to develop the laboratory to meet major customer demand by investing in new staff, the latest equipment and modern, state-of-the-art facilities.

The food testing market in China is growing rapidly and it is more important now, than ever before, to ensure the security of materials supply. Eurofins is demonstrating its commitment to provide services to its customers where needed and is expecting strong growth from the China operations during the coming years, in line with the corporate targets set by Eurofins. Organisations that were previously hesitant about importing Chinese food products can now rely upon credible support in China. The service encompasses the whole range of the food chain, from farm and factory to sampling and positive release of containers prior to shipment. The scope of ISO:IEC 17025:2005 accreditation includes testing for pesticides, toxic metals, microbial contaminants, melamine and more. Eurofins' Suzhou laboratory has also been awarded qualification from AQSIQ for Import & Export Commodity Inspection and Survey.

This marks the successful culmination of the first part of a programme of investment and development to establish the laboratory as equal in standards to the best in the world. Equipment at the laboratory includes state-of-the-art GC MS and LC MS/MS equipment for measurement of pesticide residues (general screens and special analyses for tea) and other food contaminants. Methods have been developed and validated under the guidance, and to the standards, of Eurofins' respected laboratories in Europe, notably Dr Specht Laboratorien and WEJ laboratories, both in Hamburg, Germany. To ensure that the standards of the analyses undertaken at Suzhou are maintained, the laboratory participates in independent proficiency test schemes, such as FAPAS and FEPAS, as well as internal Eurofins laboratory comparisons.

Further investment is planned in order to extend the laboratory's capabilities. The next series of developments will be directed extending the scope of pesticide tests, veterinary drugs, illegal colours, nutritional composition and mycotoxins. The investment will include the purchase of the most modern equipment (LC MS/MS, GC MS, ICP MS), additional recruiting of staff at all levels and the expansion of 40% more capacity to create the large, state-of-the-art conditions that make Eurofins a world leader. In addition to analyses Eurofins in China offers sampling, auditing and inspection services, including IP certification.

* Eurofins press release dated December 19, 2008: "Eurofins is the first to provide testing of pesticides and melamine to European standards in China"

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With 8,000 staff in more than 150 laboratories across 29 countries, Eurofins offers a portfolio of over 25,000 reliable analytical methods for evaluating the authenticity, origin, safety, identity, composition and purity of biological substances and products. The Group is committed to providing its customers with high quality services, accurate results in time and, if requested, expert advice by its highly qualified staff.

The Eurofins Group is the world leader in food testing and one of the global market leaders in pharmaceuticals and environmental testing. It intends to pursue its dynamic growth strategy and expand both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

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