

## Japan Accreditation System for Product Certification Bodies of JIS Mark (JASC)

The Japan Accreditation System for Product Certification Bodies of JIS Mark (JASC) is an accreditation program introduced by the 1997 amendment of the Japanese Industrial Standardization Law (JIS Law) and operated by MITI.

JASC accredits product certification bodies in the private sector and allow them to certify companies, which will be permitted to put JIS Mark on their products.

On December 13, 1999, MITI approved the rules for JIS Mark certification work (Certification Manual) in accordance with Article 32 Paragraph 1 of the Japanese Industrial Standardization Law, and the fees for certification work of Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) as part of the accreditation procedures.

In the accreditation assessment, MITI (JASC Office) assessed JQA's quality system documents and its records, etc. to examine whether JQA had appropriate quality system pursuant to ISO/IEC Guide 65 (General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems) and witnessed the on-site JIS Mark certification assessment conducted by JQA to examine whether JQA had sufficient technical competence.

Consequently, MITI completed accreditation assessment of JQA, and JQA therefore may provide certification service as a JIS Mark Certification Body whose certification area covers foreign countries.

Note: Before JQA, MITI had accredited Japanese Standards Association (JSA) as the first JIS Mark Certification Body in January 1999. However, the certification area of JSA is limited to Japan.

### Certification fields of JQA

Certification Scope Categories	Geographical Area where Certification is conducted
A Civil Engineering and Architecture B Mechanical Engineering	JAPAN
C Electronic and Electrical Engineering D Automotive Engineering E Railway Engineering G Ferrous Materials and Metallurgy H Nonferrous Materials and Metallurgy K Chemical Engineering L Textile Engineering M Mining P Pulp and Paper R Ceramics S Domestic Wares T Medical Equipment and Safety Appliances Z Miscellaneous: Packaging, Welding and Radioactivity	INDONESIA, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TAIWAN, CHINA, GERMANY, PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA

Following 4 bodies are JIS Mark certification bodies other than JSA & JQA. They will be able to start JIS Mark certification business after their rules and fees for certification work have been approved by MITI.

- Japan Testing Center of Construction Materials (JTCCM)
- Japan Heating Appliances Inspection Association (JHAIA)
- General Building Research Cooperation of Japan (GBRC)
- Japan Textile Products Quality and Technology Center (QTEC)

So far, there is no foreign-based JIS Mark Certification Body, but of course, the accreditation system is open equally to foreign-based product certification bodies. The JIS Mark certification system itself is also of course open to foreign-based companies.

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