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## **COMMITMENT TO QUALITY LIGHTING PARTS TYC JOINS CAPA AS FIRST LIGHTING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

Washington D.C. – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) announces that TYC, one of the world's largest manufacturers of aftermarket lighting, joined CAPA as a Full Participant on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

TYC is the first aftermarket lighting manufacturer to join the program after voluntarily participating in a pre-program opportunity CAPA offered to lighting manufacturers in January of this year. This process enabled manufacturers to observe all aspects of the testing, prior to joining the CAPA Program.

“Clearly, the decision by TYC to subject its parts to CAPA's comprehensive certification requirements exhibits great confidence in quality,” said Jack Gillis, Executive Director of the non-profit association. “Quality sells and TYC's commitment to CAPA certification is an indication that true customer satisfaction is at the top of their list.”

TYC is an ISO/TS/QS/Q1 certified automotive lighting manufacturer, with nearly two decades of experience in automobile lighting design and manufacture for aftermarket and original equipment. “We're committed to continual improvement of our business processes to satisfy our customer's expectations”, said Drue Hsia, President of Genera Corporation and TYC Global Group. “We are confident that CAPA effectively captured and incorporated the voices and needs of both direct and independent repairers in the CAPA 301 lighting program. We felt the urgency from the industry and are committed to meeting their needs”.

“Dramatically increasing automaker lighting prices combined with concerns about the quality of some aftermarket brand lighting products has created a strong demand for a fairly priced, high quality alternative,” said Bob Anderson, of Anderson’s Automotive Services and CAPA Board President. “Lighting manufacturers who choose to comply with CAPA’s standards will be making a significant contribution to overall vehicle reparability,” said Don Feeley of City Body and Frame and Chairman of CAPA’s Technical Committee.

Included in the standard are the specifications for dimensional checks (form and fit), appearance, composition, coating performance, mechanical properties, adhesives, fasteners, hardware, photometric performance, electrical performance, aiming performance and compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108 as implemented by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). Lighting products covered by the standard include headlights, taillights, turn signals, brake signals, reflectors, and high-mounted brake lights.

Because of CAPA’s highly effective vehicle test fit process, collision repairers are giving CAPA certified parts serious consideration. “Our goal has always been to ensure that all CAPA certified parts work for the collision repairer,” said CAPA Executive Director, Jack Gillis. “We’ve heard from both repairers and insurers that there is a strong desire to use competitive lighting, but the parts must fit. The CAPA Standard will not only provide confirmation of a part’s compliance with the applicable FMVSS requirements, but CAPA’s requirements for material comparability, and fit via our vehicle test fit.”

*The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit, third party crash parts quality certification organization. CAPA certification identifies, for both consumers and the industry, those parts that meet our high quality standards for fit, form, finish, material content and corrosion resistance. For more information see [www.CAPAcertified.org](http://www.CAPAcertified.org).*