



## **CAPA and Intertek Bring Certification Program for Aftermarket Auto Parts to China**

**Grand Rapids, Mich. – November 1, 2016** – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) and Intertek, a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide have worked in partnership to bring CAPA’s certification program for aftermarket auto parts to China. Per the Certification and Accreditation Regulatory Department of the State Council of China (CNCA), the CAPA program will be introduced in China with Intertek Shanghai serving as the certification body.

Prior to January 1, 2015, only original equipment manufacturer (OEM) replacement parts could be used for insurance-based repairs in China. Recently the market opened up to aftermarket parts—made by independent manufacturers—provided they are certified to be comparable to those made by the OEM. CAPA’s standards have been used in the United States and throughout the world to certify that aftermarket parts are of good quality based on their design, materials and construction. Under this approval, the CAPA program is expanding to include parts made and sold domestically in China.

“We are pleased to bring our certification program into China and continue to expand our service to ensure high quality, certified aftermarket parts are a viable option for insurers, collision shops and, perhaps most importantly, consumers,” stated Jack Gillis, Executive Director of CAPA. “We look forward to working with new manufacturers in China and helping our existing program members enter the Chinese market through a smooth, seamless process.”

Intertek has served as a partner to CAPA for 25 years in certifying aftermarket parts based on years of expertise in performance, quality, reliability standards and expectations for the automotive industry. As a partner in CAPA’s certification program, Intertek provides assurance, testing, inspection and certification services to issue CAPA certification to manufacturers. With this expansion of the program, Intertek Shanghai will test, inspect and certify parts to CAPA standards for China’s domestic market.

“At Intertek, our commitment to helping ensure the quality of replacement auto parts through third party evaluations has a long history that we are excited to bring to the Chinese market,” said Tim Hubbard, Sr. Vice President at Intertek. “As CAPA’s long-time validator in the U.S., we look forward to helping them grow their program as we expand our footprint in providing comprehensive solutions to customers around the world.”

The approval by the CNCA to expand the program was issued in September, 2016 and the program is expected to be rolled out in the country by the end of the year.

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### **About CAPA**

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit certification organization for automotive crash parts whose sole purpose is to ensure that both consumers and the industry have the means to identify high quality parts via the CAPA Quality Seal. CAPA is an ANSI accredited standards developer for competitive crash repair parts. For more information see [CAPACertified.org](http://CAPACertified.org).

### **About Intertek**

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Our network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices and over 40,000 people in more than 100 countries, delivers innovative and bespoke assurance, testing, inspection and certification solutions for our customers’ operations and supply chains.

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