

A New Level of Service for Food Inspection

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Silliker, a Mérieux NutriSciences company, and Asialnspection are launching AsiaFoodInspection (www.asiafoodinspection.com), a service combining Silliker's 40 years of experience in food safety and Asialnspection's unique network of 350+ inspectors and online platform for quality control in Asia. AsiaFoodInspection offers inspections, testing and audit services in Asia for the food industry.

"Following the recent American Food Safety Modernization act and EU regulations, this joint venture will give our customers a unique offer in controlling their sourced products at their origin. The AsiaFoodInspection Silliker team will be dedicated to delivering world class inspection services to the food and retail industry, bundled with testing capabilities offered by Silliker. Our labs in Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen directly answer our clients' needs for best in class testing services in microbiology, nutrition and contaminant capabilities", said Philippe Sans, President and CEO of Mérieux NutriSciences.

AsiaFoodInspection will benefit from Asialnspection's ground coverage and state-of-the-art online platform to serve quality control and safety needs. All buyers of food products importing from China and greater Asia will thus be able to book, follow, and get reports for their quality control on www.asiafoodinspection.com.

"The joining of Silliker and Asialnspection expertises will allow AsiaFoodInspection to provide an unmatched service to the food industry in terms of reactivity, service range and pricing. For instance, buyers will be able to book conveniently online samples picking in factory, and group with lab testing to get a complete testing turnaround in as little as one week" said Sébastien Breteau, CEO of Asialnspection.

Built on common values of integrity and excellence, the joint venture brings food clients an innovative web-based service, while leveraging the time-proved expertise in science and international network of Silliker in the food and nutrition sector.

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About Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation

With over 40 years of experience and part of Institut Mérieux, Mérieux NutriSciences Corporation helps advance science and solutions for food safety, quality and nutrition worldwide. Through its business units Silliker, Biofortis and Bioagri, it provides consulting, testing, auditing, education, sensory, innovation and contract research services.

About Asialnspection

Founded in Hong Kong, Asialnspection (www.asiainspection.com) is the leading online platform for performing product inspections, testing and factory audits in Asia for importers worldwide. With 60,000 controls performed in 2011, the company follows the strictest international and industry standards across all products, components, and materials.

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