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Responsible Care[®] Auditor Certification Examination Agreement

Washington DC USA. RABQSA International (RABQSA) is pleased to announce the formation of a strategic agreement between the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and the Board of Environment, Health and Safety Auditor Certifications (BEAC) regarding Auditor Certification and Cooperation. This agreement is intended to facilitate the ongoing certification of auditors for the ACC's Responsible Care Certification process.

In addition, the agreement details the procedures surrounding Responsible Care Auditor certification:

- Applicants for Responsible Care Auditor Certification may submit an application to either RABQSA or BEAC in accordance with the requirements outlined in the RC205.03 certification criteria (www.responsiblecaretoolkit.com)
- To meet the examination requirement listed in RC205.03, section 4.1.6.2, applicants will need to provide evidence of successful completion of the BEAC Responsible Care Auditor Examination (Examination)
- Applicants who seek certification from RABQSA will be directed to take the Examination.
- The Examination is conducted by BEAC. The applicant is to contact BEAC to determine the schedule for Examinations and examination fees. All examination fees will be paid directly to BEAC.
- An applicant may sit for the Examination prior to applying for auditor certification, or as part of the auditor certification process.

- If the Examination is taken without connection to a current application for Responsible Care Auditor Certification, upon successful passing of the Examination, the applicant will receive a Certificate of Attainment from BEAC. RABQSA will recognize this Certificate of Attainment as evidence the applicant has met the requirements of RC205.03, section 4.1.6.2.
- Successfully passing the Examination is only one of several criteria identified in RC205.03, and does not mean an applicant has achieved Responsible Care Auditor Certification.
- As outlined in RC205.03, section 4.1.6:
 - Until 30 June 2005, auditors who are certified, conditionally certified or applicants who have applied to RABQSA or BEAC for certification (and have completed and passed an approved Responsible Care Training Course) may audit as part of Responsible Care Certification.
 - Until 31 December 2005 only auditors who are certified or conditionally certified may audit as part of Responsible Care[®] Certification.
 - After 1 January 2006, only auditors who are certified may audit as part of Responsible Care Certification.

The Responsible Care Auditor Certification Scheme is a recent addition to the RABQSA certification profile, and further extends on the considerable expertise and momentum in our drive to innovate and improve personnel and training certification.

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RABQSA International, a non-profit (not-for-profit) organization, is one of the world's leading certification organizations for the provision of accredited personnel and training certification, and related professional development services worldwide. A wide variety of organizations employ our certified persons for the purposes of improving business performance.