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### **RABQSA International and Japan Frozen Foods Inspection Corporation establish new auditor certification scheme!**

Tokyo, Japan – RABQSA and Japan Frozen Foods Inspection Corporation (JFFIC) are pleased to announce the establishment of an industry specific auditor certification scheme aimed at improving the performance of auditors and inspectors engaged in the inspection of food in Japan.

“This scheme is unique in that it represents the first auditor certification scheme specifically designed and developed for food industry”, said Michael Carmody CEO RABQSA. “The engagement with JFFIC and key stakeholders in Japan has set the benchmark for other industry based schemes, and will provide a firm base for the development and continued improvement of audit and inspection practices in Japan. The cooperation and engagement of JFFIC management, staff and key stakeholders on this very challenging project was highly commendable”, said Carmody.

“We are excited at the added value the relationship with RABQSA will create within JFFIC”, said President Kondo of JFFIC. “The JFFIC FS auditor certification scheme will establish new and demanding standards of auditing practice for the food industry. This is a significant step forward in our food industry”, said President Kondo.

Applications for RABQSA certification to the JFFIC auditor certification scheme may be received via the RABQSA web site [www.rabqsa.com](http://www.rabqsa.com)

Auditors certified by RABQSA will be listed on the RABQSA international register of certified auditors and will receive a certification Certificate and ID Card marked with the logos of RABQSA and JFFIC.

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