

## Press release

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### **Cotecna Inspection receives global ISO / IEC 17020 accreditation**

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In May 2011, Cotecna Inspection SA, one of the world's leading Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) companies, received its ISO/IEC 17020 certificate of accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).

This accreditation covers Cotecna's global network, through its regional offices in the Americas, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. The scope of accreditation includes the verification of conformity against set parameters for various types of products such as agricultural commodities, metals and minerals, consumer goods, etc.

ISO/IEC 17020 is an internationally recognized standard that sets out general criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection. This accreditation recognizes Cotecna's high standards and technical competence in inspection methods and procedures, but also covers aspects such as; integrity, management, confidentiality, facilities, reporting, etc.

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## Notes to the Editor:

### **About Cotecna**

Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the Cotecna group offers a wide range of testing, inspection and certification services across a range of sectors for importers and exporters worldwide. Areas of particular expertise include: agricultural products (grains, pulses, oilseeds and feedstuffs to liquid cargoes, sugar, fibers, fruits, coffee, fertilizers...), metals and minerals, chemical and petroleum products, marine surveys, industrial equipment surveys, vehicle inspections and consumer goods. Accredited laboratories and testing facilities ensure the delivery of high-quality, verifiable results.

For a full description of our services, please visit [www.cotecna.com](http://www.cotecna.com). The Cotecna Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in close to 100 offices.

### **About UKAS**

The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is the sole national body recognised by government to assess evaluating organisations to international standards. UKAS operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), and is a non-profit-distributing company limited by guarantee. UKAS accreditation involves assessment and verification (against internationally agreed standards) of certification, inspection, testing and calibration services. For further information about UKAS visit: [www.ukas.com](http://www.ukas.com)