

FAQ

Q1: I heard that there is a “TAPA North Asia Region” to manage the activities for TAPA members in China, is it authentic?

A1: The establishment of TAPA North Asia region has never been approved/authorized by TAPA worldwide. TAPA Asia Pacific is the only authorized representative organization of TAPA in the Asia Pacific region. TAPA Asia Pacific will continue to serve all members in the region including China. We are taking legal actions against the false information issued by the unauthorized TAPA North Asia website including its representation of TAPA.

The official website of TAPA Asia Pacific is www.tapa-apac.org. Please be guided to this official website for all information and updates with regards to any announcement made by TAPA Asia Pacific. We would like to reiterate that any other parties making announcement with regards to trainings, certifications or events for and on behalf of TAPA Asia Pacific in China via any social media, i.e. WeChat or email is unauthorized and illegal representation. We would like to advise on members to refrain and reject such invitation. Please check with the TAPA Secretariat: info@TAPA-APAC.org for any clarification or assistance on such issues.

Q2: According to the previous communication, our company will not be able to claim the 2017 annual membership fee that has been paid to Shanghai Credit Information Service Co., Ltd. ("SCIS"). Will this affect our membership this year?

A2: No, this will not affect your membership. As long as you are able to provide TAPA Asia Pacific Secretariat proof of payment issued by SCIS, we will recognize your membership for the year of 2017.

Your unused training and conference entitlement will be extended to the end of 2018.

Q3: In view of the enactment of the ‘Law of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Domestic Activities in Non-Governmental Organizations’ (hereinafter referred to as the "Non-Governmental Organizations Management Law"), all TAPA activities in mainland China have been suspended for some time. Does this mean that our membership affiliation will change?

A3: Please be assured that the status of members in mainland China remains unchanged and member of TAPA Asia Pacific.

Q4: In accordance with the provisions of the NGO Management Act, what is the current registration progress in China?

A4: TAPA Asia Pacific Board of Directors have conducted detailed consultation and meetings with local authorities in terms of how to carry out various association activities onwards in China. We have completed the collection, collation and translation work for all supporting documents in accordance with the Guidelines on Registration of Temporary Activities of Overseas Non-Governmental Organizations and Temporary Activities and also submitted our application to government authorities in charge. In view of limited implementation reference of the new laws, registration approval process may take a long time. TAPA Asia Pacific Board of Directors will regularly give updates to all China members regarding the registration process.

The TAPA Asia Pacific Board will engage members from China mainland to participate in our new China representative office and satisfy different needs from members in compliant to the new NGO Management Law. Currently, the Board is constantly in touch with the relevant authorities on it.

Q5: What is the point of contact for TAPA in China?

A5: With the cease of relationship with SCIS, the TAPA Asia Pacific Secretariat in Singapore is serving all enquiries, assistance as well as coordination with regards to membership, certification and training for members in China. The contact information is:

Operation hour : 09:00am - 05:00pm, Monday to Friday (Except Public Holiday)

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Once the registration of TAPA Asia Pacific in China is completed, we will inform the updated details.

Q6: Will TAPA Asia Pacific launch FSR / TSR training in mainland China before completion of the registration in China?

A6: In accordance with the 'Registration of Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations and the Guidelines of Temporary Activities Filing', all temporary activities to be carried out before completing its formal registration in China shall be conducted under the collaboration with the China cooperative unit. The cooperative unit shall go through the formalities of examination and approval in accordance with the provisions of the State and shall file a record at the provincial

government office before 15 days of the commencement of temporary activities of the NGO. In accordance to this compliance, the TAPA Asia Pacific Board of Directors have been actively engaged with local cooperative unit to prepare for the submission of temporary activities filing in China. Any parties claiming to carry out activities in mainland China under the name of TAPA is not authorized.

We have seriously taken into account the time required to attain the approval of temporary activities. Therefore, we have increased the FSR / TSR training sessions in Hong Kong for members of the Mainland of China who need to attend the new standards training for 2017 version.

For quality assurance, TAPA Asia Pacific has provided 'train-the-trainer' session to all volunteer trainers and regularly has reviewed the training materials in accordance to the new 2017 standard. We wish to reiterate that only qualified trainer endorsed by TAPA Asia Pacific Board are allowed and authorized to carry out FSR / TSR training in China. Please check with the Secretariat if you receive any invitation of training by any unauthorized parties.

Meanwhile, TAPA Asia Pacific board will not recognize any participants who attend an unauthorized FSR / TSR Auditor training. We reserve the rights to reject the qualification of those auditors.

Q7: Do members have to attend the FSR / TSR 2017 training in order to conduct annual self-assessment and prepare certification of new facilities?

A7: No, members do not have to attend the FSR / TSR 2017 training in order to apply for new certification under 2017 standards.

Concerning the difference between the contents of standard 2017 and 2014 version, members can refer to the TAPA Asia Pacific official website (<http://www.tapa-apac.org/freight-security-standards>) for the comparison.

However, they must attend the training and become authorized auditors for annual self-assessment on the following year.

In addition, you can find the FSR / TSR 2017 Chinese version for reference.

<http://www.tapa-apac.org/truck-security-requirements-tsr/>

<http://www.tapa-apac.org/freight-security-standards-fsr/>

TAPA Asia Pacific members can sign up for all the training sessions in the Asia Pacific region. TAPA members in mainland China can register training courses in Hong Kong with the language of Mandarin/Cantonese/English.

If you are unable to attend any new version of the standard training before the end of 2017, your training entitlement will be extended until 2018. TAPA Asia Pacific Board of Directors will do its

best to resume all training in mainland China as soon as possible, subject to the compliance of Chinese Laws.

Q8: What should I do if my company's certificate is going to expire at the end of 2017 and I couldn't attend any training session which is organized by TAPA APAC outside of mainland China due to unforeseen reasons?

A8: With the approval of the TAPA Asia Pacific Board of Directors, the expiry date of all valid FSR & TSR certificates issued in mainland China will be automatically extended for six months to allow more time to prepare for the new version of the standards. It applies to the certificates to be expired before end of 2017.

In order to facilitate the tracking and update of the record, please fill in the attached application form and send to TAPA Asia Pacific Secretariat office directly before July 31, 2017.