



**Due diligence surveillance,
utilising independent sampling,
of Pearl River Bridge soy sauces
and other products on behalf of
Guangdong PRB Bio-Tech Ltd.**

**Premier
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Services**

Overview report from 1999 to 2009

Summary

The sampling and analytical programme commissioned by Guangdong PRB Bio-Tech Ltd (GPRB) requiring Premier Analytical Services (PAS) to act independently to select, obtain and analyse samples has completed its 8th year, building on testing of samples “as supplied” for 2 years prior to that. Evaluation of all these test results demonstrates a continuity of analytical programme and verification of product quality in the following analytical areas:

Sample Numbers & Tests:

- 3-MCPD:
In the last 10 years a total of 1376 samples have been tested for 3-MCPD.
- In the last 4 years a total of 128 samples have been tested for combinations of one or more of the following: allergens (gluten, & sulphur dioxide), chemical contaminants (e.g. benzene, heavy metals, illegal dyes, ethyl carbamate, mycotoxins and melamine), genetically modified organisms, preservatives (sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate) and microbes.

Results:

ALL PRODUCTS TESTED WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT E.C. AND U.K. REGULATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE FOR THE PARAMETERS TESTED

Introduction

PAS (formerly RHM Technology) began to test Pearl River Bridge soy sauce at the end of 1999, initially on behalf of GPRB through its sole UK importer SeeWoo Foods Ltd.

PAS is one of the leading food testing laboratories in Europe with over 130 analytical methods accredited by UKAS to the ISO17025 standard and carries out projects on behalf of the Food Standards Agency (UK) and industry working parties.

GPRB has long recognised the need to constantly monitor the quality of the product range that makes up its global “Pearl River Bridge” brand and for this reason an initial “Scientific Analysis and Technical Support Agreement” was consummated between both parties in May 2001.

Background

A comprehensive sampling and analysis surveillance scheme has been established in collaboration with PAS. The objective of the scheme is to ensure that all batches of Pearl River Bridge soy sauce and other products entering the United Kingdom comply with E.C. and U.K. legislation and to demonstrate that GPRB is taking all steps necessary to meet their “due diligence” responsibilities. The scheme is of a very high standard in that it is not only based on the best available methods of analysis undertaken by one of the most experienced laboratories in Europe, but it is also based on an independent sampling regime.

Independent Sampling Surveillance

From July 2001 to December 2001, representative samples of soy sauce consignments were supplied to PAS (RHM Technology) for analysis prior to their despatch to the UK.

Since December 2001 Independent Sampling Surveillance has been in operation which requires the staff of PAS to take representative samples independently and on a random basis from container deliveries.

2009

Sample numbers & Tests:

- 35 tests were carried out on 13 samples covering the areas of allergens (gluten and sulphur dioxide), chemical contaminants (3-MCPD, mycotoxins, ethyl carbamate and heavy metals), and preservative (potassium sorbate).
- 8 of the 13 samples were collected independently with the remaining 5 being supplied by GPRB.

Results:

ALL PRODUCTS TESTED WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT E.C. AND U.K. REGULATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE FOR THE PARAMETERS TESTED

The Pearl River Bridge soy sauces and other products tested in 2009 included:

■ Golden Label Superior Light Soy Sauce (in cans and bottles)	■ Premium Light Soy Sauce
■ Superior Light Soy Sauce	■ Premium Dark Soy Sauce
■ Superior Dark Soy Sauce	■ Sweet Soy Sauce
■ Mushroom Flavoured Superior Dark Soy Sauce	■ Premium Reduced Salt Soy Sauce
■ Silver Medal Mushroom Flavoured Superior Dark Soy Sauce	■ Hoi Sin Sauce
■ Premium Deluxe Light Soy Sauce	■ Crushed Yellow Bean Sauce

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