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## **QCS Maintains Strong Foothold in Taiwan**

(Gainesville, FL, May 21, 2018)—Last month, a delegation of international certifying agencies, which included a representative from Quality Certification Services (QCS), travelled to Taiwan to meet with government officials from the country's Agriculture and Food Agency (AFA).

The main purpose of the meeting, facilitated by the Organic Trade Association, the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service and Taiwan's Council of Agriculture, was to ensure that the flow of organic products into Taiwan under the Taiwan-U.S. trade equivalency continues to meet Taiwan's all of laws and regulations protecting food security and food safety.

"Our highly-trained inspectors at QCS take pride in safeguarding the importation of organic agricultural products into Taiwan," said Dr. Ramkrishnan (Ram) Balasubramanian, QCS' Chief Operating Officer.

QCS' current roster of clients include those conducting trade with Taiwanese retailers. According to a 2017 report from the Organic Trade Association, Taiwan is among the top ten countries that U.S. based, certified organic enterprises export to each year.

"QCS recognizes the growing market importance of Taiwan to our clients, and we cherish the role we will play in making Taiwan an even more cherished destination county for organic exports," said Balasubramanian.

A USDA and ANSI ISO Guide 17065 accredited certification body, QCS was recently given a performance rating by GLOBALG.A.P. that ranked its Food Safety/GAPs Team No. 1 in the USA, and in the top 10 worldwide, out of 138 approved Certification Bodies. Based in Gainesville, Florida (USA) and with offices in Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri as well as Ecuador and the Dominican Republic, QCS has clients in 44 U.S. states and 19 countries, meeting the needs of agricultural operations regardless of type, location, or size in the everexpanding worldwide market. It offers a wide array of certification options for farming of

crops, livestock, aquaculture, animal feed manufacturing, packing, handling and processing and wild harvest operations.

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