



South Sudan

**PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF
CONFORMITY (PVOC) PROGRAM**

SGS

Since May 1, 2021, it has been a legal requirement that all goods being imported into South Sudan must undergo a Pre-export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) assessment conducted by SGS.

PVOC PROGRAM

SGS signed the contract to provide a PVoC program with the South Sudan National Bureau of Standards (SSNBS) on December 23, 2020. It applies to all goods entering South Sudan.

The objective of this program is to ensure all imported goods conform to relevant South Sudanese standards and technical regulations. This will protect consumers and the interests of local manufacturers by preventing the importation of unsafe goods, counterfeit and/or non-compliant goods.

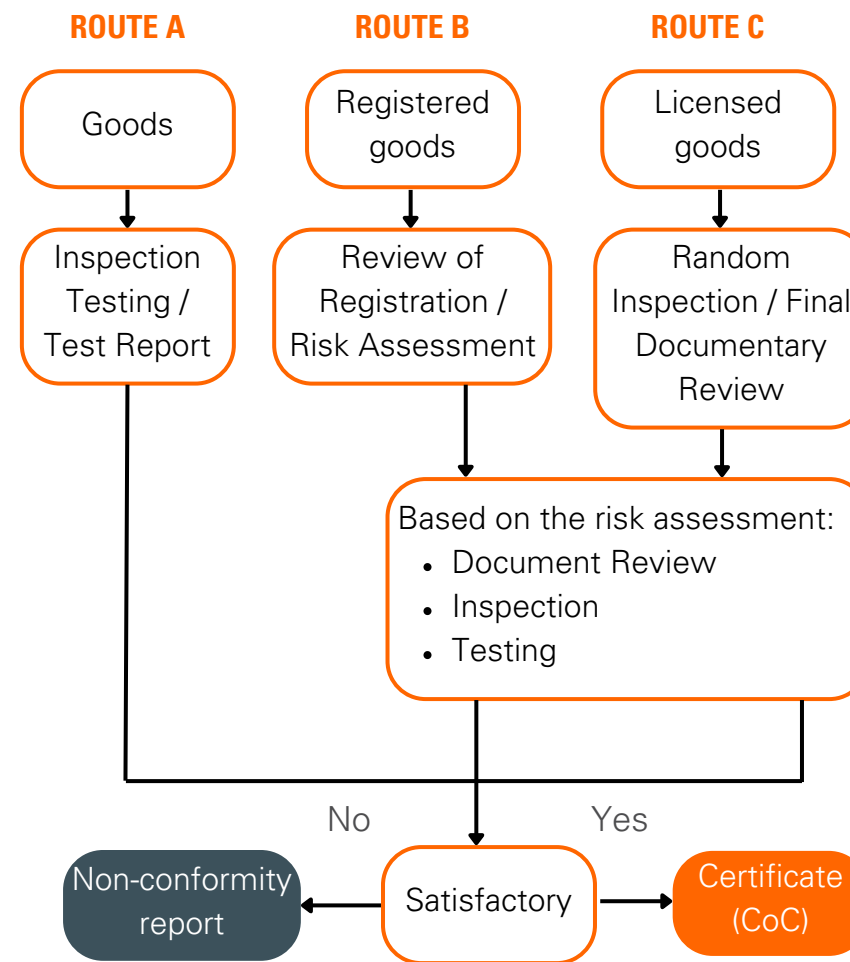
PROCESS

- Exporter requests a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) by submitting to SGS a Request for Certification (RFC)* plus proforma invoice and quality documents (test reports, product datasheet, quality management system certificates, etc.)
- SGS analyzes the documents and confirms the certification route (see on the right) and applicable standards
- Exporter submits a copy of the final invoice to SGS:
- SGS coordinates digital inspection in accordance with program provisions (once exporter makes payment)
 - If all interventions are satisfactory and necessary documents are received – SGS issues CoC
 - If the verification activity report is not satisfactory and corrections are not made – SGS issues a Non-Conformity Report (NCR)

BASIC FEATURES

- CoC are mandatory for clearing Customs
- Responsibility for compliance and liability for shipping goods without a valid CoC remains with the supplier/exporter
- According to the Ministerial Decree, shipment arriving at South Sudan without CoC will attract a penalty of 40% of CIF

METHODS/ROUTES TO VERIFICATION



ROUTE A: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers of products imported into South Sudan who do not have regular shipments or who export products that require quality control with compliance standards

ROUTE B (Registration): applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers with frequent and regular shipments to South Sudan. Note: registration is renewable annually, subject to continuous compliance

ROUTE C: for products under license – provides a fast-track certification process for manufacturers with a compliant and appropriate quality management system in place.

Note: license is renewable annually, subject to continuous compliance

FEE STRUCTURE

- ROUTE A: ad valorem fee of 0.500% of the FOB value of the imported goods.
Minimum fee per shipment: USD 350
- ROUTE B: ad valorem fee of 0.450% of the FOB value of the imported goods.
Minimum fee per shipment: USD 300
- ROUTE C: ad valorem fee of 0.400% of the FOB value of the imported goods.
Minimum fee per shipment: USD 275

SSNBS charges (all routes) – 25% of the amount resulting from the application of above PCA fees

PRODUCT REGISTRATION FEE

PRODUCT/LINE ITEM(S)	ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE (USD)
First 15 products/line item(s)	375
Every additional product/line item above 15 product/line item(s)	20 per product/line item

NOTES

1. Fees are net of VAT, sales taxes and, if any tax is to be invoiced (according to country legislation), it must be added to these fees
2. Fees cover the documentary verification and digital inspection of goods
3. Fees do not include laboratory testing and Licensing of Products. These services will be charged separately on a case-by-case basis
4. Fees do not include container sealing and sampling of bulk shipments
5. The contractor reserves the right to charge the supplier an additional fee where goods or facilities are not ready or available at the time advised by the supplier and therefore an additional inspection is required
6. Fee for re-inspection will be charged additionally

WHY SGS?

SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programs in countries around the world. Our innovative solution utilizes a dedicated software platform, backed by a global network of experts and facilities. We offer an efficient and comprehensive service that can be tailored to the needs of the exporter, ensuring all goods conform to South Sudan standards and technical regulations.


WE OFFER

- One stop solution for all global certifications
- Key Account Management (in country and/or via our contract management office)
- Immediate access to order/file information
- Support in linking all process parties
- Tailored customs solutions

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