



Uganda

**Pre-Export Verification of
Conformity (PVoC)**

SGS

Effective March 2023, the Uganda National Bureau of Standards renewed its contract with SGS to provide Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards services.

The Program requires that all products with applicable compulsory Ugandan standards are assessed for conformity before importation into Uganda.

A Certificate of Conformity is to be issued to demonstrate compliance of the products to the applicable standards.

BASIC FEATURES

- Goods imported into Uganda require a Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- CoC is a mandatory customs clearance document for each consignment
- Goods exempted from the program are still subject to UNBS destination inspection
- Exporter is liable for any legal or economic consequences arising for goods shipped without a CoC
- Responsibility of compliance lies with the supplier/exporter
- UNBS does not recognize Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) from the Bureau of Standards of any EAC partner state
- Container sealing is mandatory for all full container loads (FCLs) under Route A and Route D

PVOC PROCEDURE

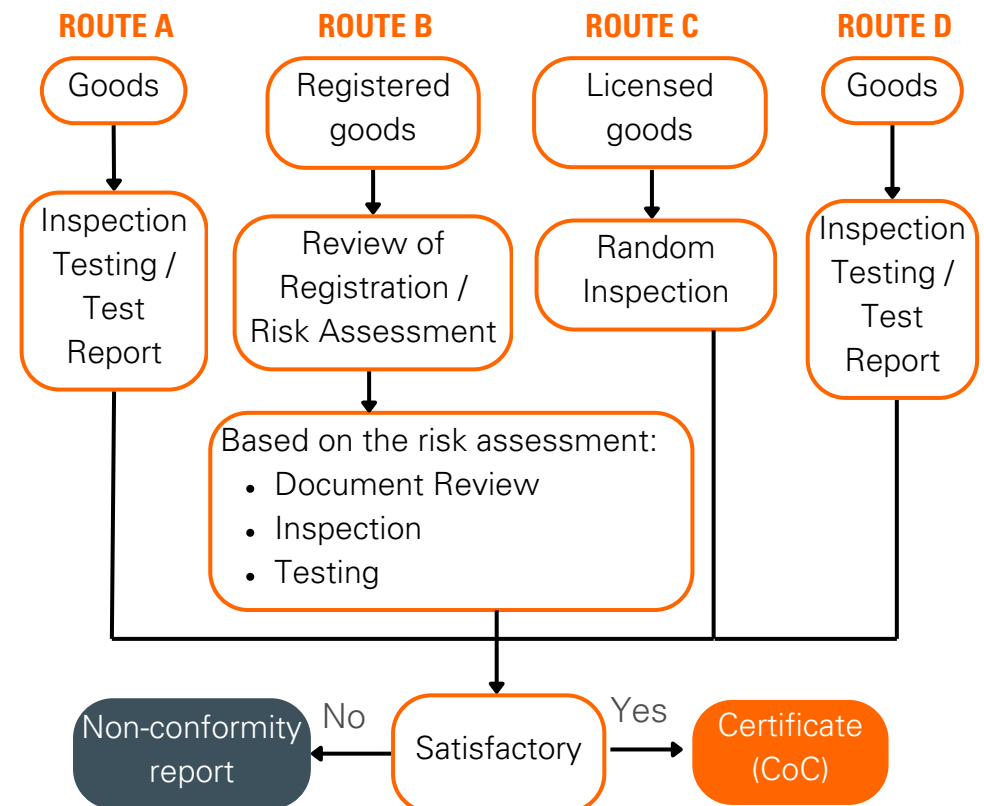
To obtain a CoC the importer/exporter must:

- Submit a request for certification online via our portal <https://exporter-portal.sgs.com/>. A proforma invoice should be attached to the application
- All available documents proving conformity of the products such as test reports, datasheets, QMS Certificates should be attached to the application in the system

- SGS confirms the route (see below) & standards applicable
- SGS coordinates for product sampling & testing with an accredited or approved laboratory (if applicable)
- Please note inspection will be done after all the above requirements are met & payment made in full by the client

ROUTES OF VERIFICATION

- Route A: For high risk products and supply chains
- Route B: Suppliers declaration of compliance supported by evidence
- Route C: Licensed products, manufacturers only
- Route D: Small traders who consolidate their cargo into a container



FEES STRUCTURE (USD)

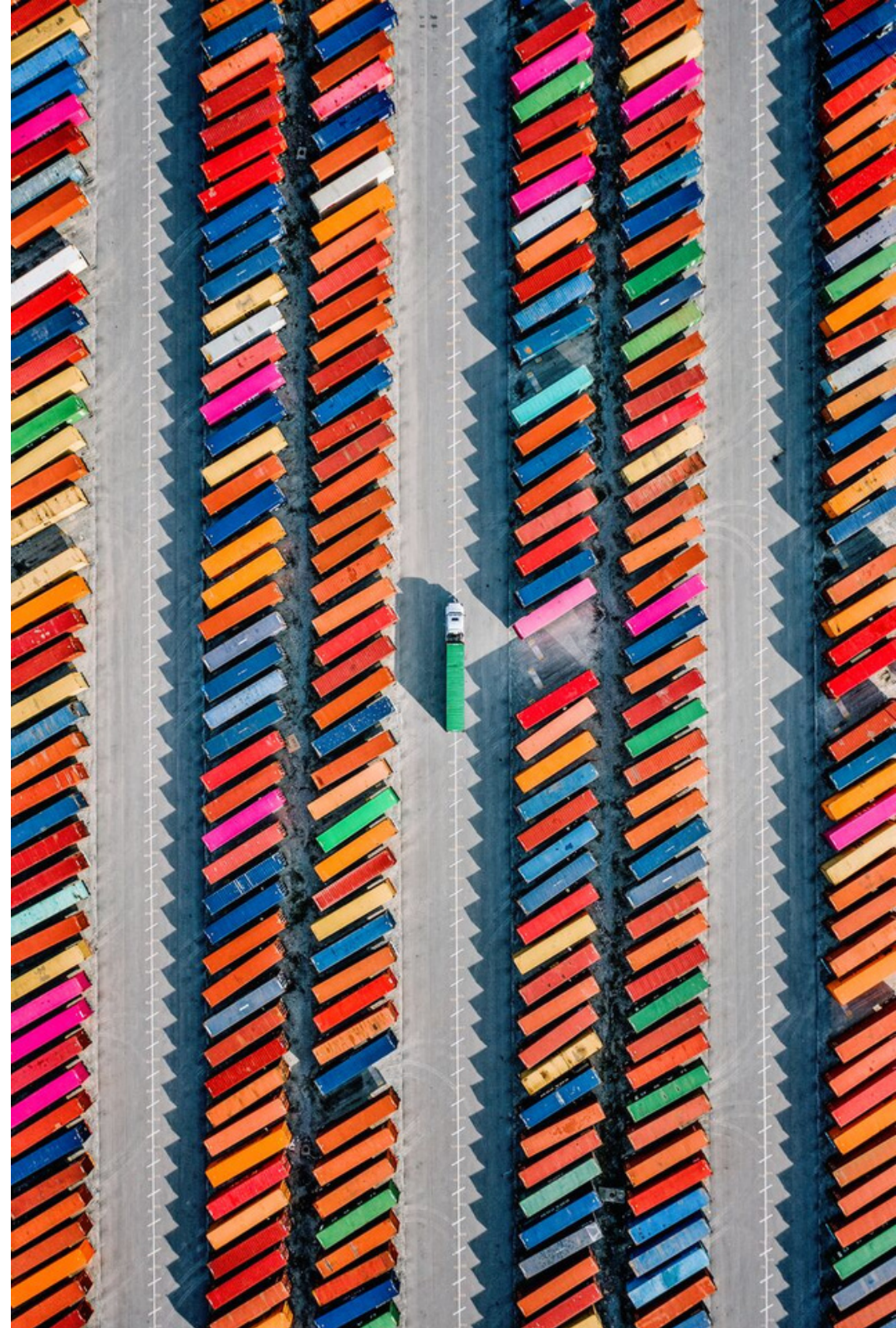
ROUTES	AD VALOREM FOB VALUE, %	MINIMUM FEE	MAXIMUM FEE
A	0.500%	235	3,000
B	0.450%	235	3,000
C	0.250%	235	3,000
D	0.500%	235	3,000

- The above-mentioned fees cover the documentary verification and inspection of goods
- The above fees do not include laboratory testing, sealing of containers, registration and licensing of products
- Product registration and manufacturer licensing is to be quoted on a case-by-case basis
- Testing fees charged on a case-by-case basis
- The trade may be charged extra for re-inspection, should it prove necessary

WHY SGS?

- SGS is the world's leading testing, inspection and certification company
- Contract Management office in Uganda with immediate access to information and key account management to offer tailor made solutions
- Vast experience in delivering conformity assessment services with a dedicated team of professionals and a superior software platform, we ensure consistency and speed
- Exporter portal; A web based application that allows clients to submit online requests for certificates of conformity, a tracking service for file status and a communication module.

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