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**THE PRE-SHIPMENT
VERIFICATION OF
CONFORMITY IN BURUNDI**

WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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The Burundi Bureau of Standards (BBN) implemented a Burundi Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity Program on 15th March 2014

The program requires that all regulated products imported in Burundi are assessed. A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued as a proof of compliance of the products to applicable standards.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To ensure conformity of imported products to the applicable National, Regional or International standards
- Protect the public against substandard products that can endanger public health, safety and the environment
- Establishing a quality import verification regime that harmonizes with the rest of State Members of the East African Community

BASIC FEATURE

- CoC is a mandatory document to clear goods from Customs
- Supplier/Exporter is responsible of compliance and liable for any or economic consequences arising from goods shipped without CoC

PVOC PROCEDURE

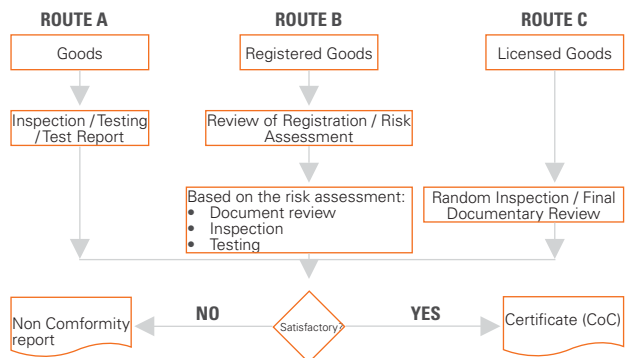
- Exporter needs to submit the Request of Certification (RFC) and proforma invoice together with quality documents such as test reports, product technical sheet, quality management system certificates, ...etc
- SGS analysis the documents and confirms the certification route (see below) and applicable standards
- SGS shall coordinate product sampling & testing with an accredited or approved laboratory (if applicable)
- Physical Inspection shall be coordinated (if required).
- Payment is to be done by exporter before inspection performance.

Approved laboratory include:

- SGS laboratories
- Third party accredited ISO/IEC 17025
- Manufacturer lab provided that the manufacturer has a QMS in place, that he provides the list of the lab equipment with the last calibration records and the equipment suffices to perform the testing required in the standard

ROUTES OF VERIFICATION

- ROUTE A: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers who do not have regular shipments and to sensitive products which require regular quality control with compliance to standards
- ROUTE B: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers with regular shipments and registered product (Registration is renewable annually, subject to continual compliance.)
- ROUTE C: applicable for manufacturer only (For Certified products)



FEES STRUCTURE, USD

ROUTES	AD VALOREM FOB VALUE, %	MINIMUM FEE	MAXIMUM FEE
A	0.50	235	2375
B	0.45	235	2375
C	0.25	235	2375

Fees for used vehicles:

- 200 \$ per vehicle up to 5 vehicles
- 150 \$ per vehicle from the sixth vehicle inspected for a batch of more vehicles

The above fees do not include

- Testing: analysis, additional sampling, containers sealing
- Product Registration
- Manufacturers licensing
- Taxes

WHY SGS?

SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programs around the world, worldwide network, with dedicated software platform, SGS offers exporters efficient and comprehensive and tailored solutions to ensure shipments conform to Burundi's command and standards.

WE OFFER:

- One stop shop for all certifications Worldwide;
- Key Account Management in one of the countries or/and in our Contract Management Office;
- Immediate access to information about your order;
- Support in linking all the parties participating in the process;
- Custom tailored solutions for your situations

