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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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**EGYPT (GOEIC)**  
**TEXTILE CERTIFICATION**

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Late in 2011, the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry (MFTI) issued two ministerial decrees which require an inspection certificate for each shipment of textile and leather products imported into Egypt. Consequently, GOEIC issued the new decree no 961/2012 to cancel and replace the two ministerial decrees as follow:

**EXECUTIVE DECREE NO 961/2012**

- Ready-Made Garments / Clothes
- Carpets & Carpet Floor coverings
- Home textile
- Footwear & Spot Shoes
- Bags

Note: Wallets and belts may be regulated upon client request.

There are two options to certify the shipments to Egypt:

**OPTION 1 (PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION FOR EACH SHIPMENT)**

The following steps should be followed in order for an exporter to secure a Certificate of Inspection:

1. Exporter will approach the nearest affiliate office for the necessary guidance on the programme. SGS contact office will request the exporter the necessary information on the textile products as well as on the shipment (available test reports, product technical sheet, supplier information, proforma invoice, ...etc) in order to properly identify the actual goods, to determine if presented test reports are traceable to the goods to be shipped and if they're acceptable according to the Egyptian standards and requirements.
2. If provided documents do not conform to EG standards and/or requirements, SGS will contact exporter to arrange for advance sampling and testing.
3. SGS shall issue a quotation for the services and exporters need to settle it prior to the visit.
4. After test completion, the test reports shall be forwarded to the SGS affiliate who will arrange then for the final pre-shipment inspection.
5. SGS will evaluate the results of the inspection and testing. If satisfactory, as per relevant Egyptian standard/s, SGS will issue the Certificate of Inspection upon receiving the Final Invoice and Transport Document from exporter.

**OPTION 2 (WHITELIST: REGISTRATION WITH GOEIC)**

The Egyptian Government has reactivated a "white list" of importers who, under some conditions, are able to avoid full inspection of their shipments once meet the following requirements:

1. Application for registration by the commercial agent of the producer, or his representative or the importer, indicating the trademarks and varieties produced and their production sites in different countries.
2. All producers shall maintain a quality control system regarding their products or their licensed production. Supportive documents shall be submitted along with the registration request (ISO 9001/2008 Accreditation Certificate for each supplier).
3. Production shall be carried out according to one of the approved standards of the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality Control. Producers abiding by the aforementioned regulations shall be recorded in a register established for this purpose at GOEIC Head Office.

3.1 Inclusion and/or removal from such registration shall be granted by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and is to be monthly published in the Official Gazette. Producers previously registered pursuant to Ministerial Decree no 501/1997 are deemed compliant with the provisions cited in this article.

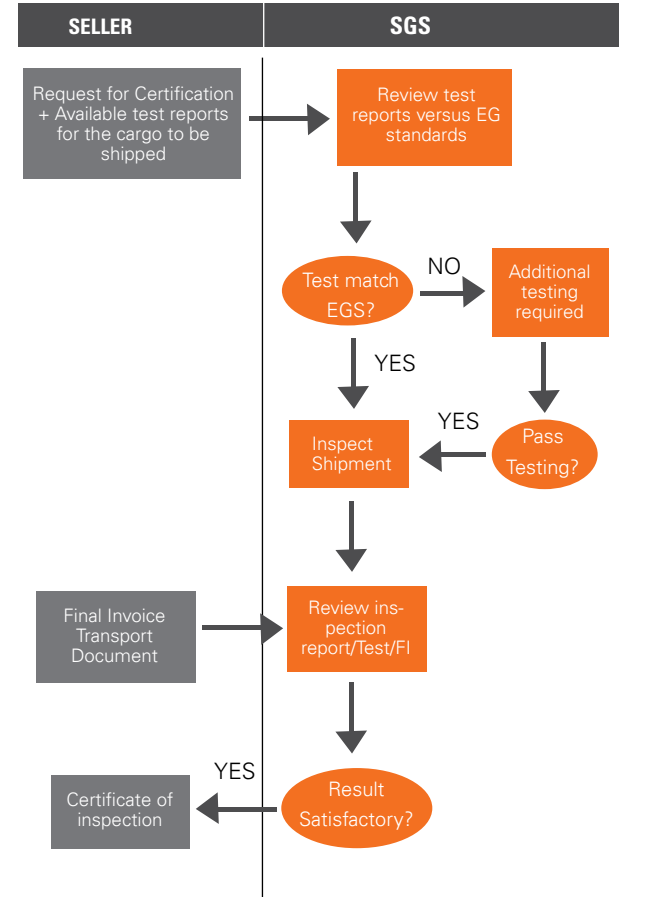
3.2 GOEIC Board Chairman may order random inspection with regard to any of the consignments belonging to the above mentioned-registered producers. If nonconformity to standards of the consignment/consignments subject of random inspection is verified the producing company will receive a strike-off warning notice and in case of recurrence, will be removed from the registration. The producer shall be entitled to apply for re-entry one year after the strike off date and upon his compliance with rules articulated in the first paragraph of this article.

3.3 Upon rejection of an imported consignment following a second sampling, the importer may apply for re-inspection upon giving reasons for his request within one week from his notification of the inspection results. The importer may apply for re-inspection at one of the other laboratories listed in Annex 3 of Prime Ministerial Decree No. 1186 / 2003 that shall be identified by GOEIC. If this laboratory

was not in place, inspection procedures shall be completed by experts who had not been engaged in the previous inspection.

3.4 The importer, his agent or whoever is duly authorized by him as well as the representative of the producing company may be present during re-inspection provided that they shall be signatories of the results. The importer shall bear re-inspection costs and expenses.

**PROCESS FLOWCHART FOR OPTION 1**



SGS, backed up by more than 80 000 staff and more than 1 500 labs and offices in more than 140 countries, is a GOEIC AUTHORIZED SERVICE PROVIDER to verify the conformity of textile and leather goods according Egyptian standards.