

**TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE**



ZANZIBAR
**Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to
Zanzibar**



This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to Zanzibar

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1. PRODUCTS CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards.
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (ZBS).
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	1 July 2023.
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure quality of products, health and safety, and environmental protection for Zanzibaris as reflected in the scope of the regulated products. • Minimize the risk of unsafe and sub-standard goods entering Zanzibar through the execution of conformity assessment activities in the country of export. This will help ensure that consumers are protected from unsafe and sub-standard goods, and that Zanzibari manufacturers are not subjected to unfair competition. • Prohibiting the entry of shoddy and counterfeit products. • Facilitate the clearance process by eliminating bottlenecks caused by the verification performed on arrival at entry points. • The guiding principle of the PVoC programme is based on Article 5 of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT/WTO), which requires that technical requirements (i.e. Standards) applied to foreign products must also be applied to domestically manufactured products. • Establishing a quality import inspection regime that is in harmony with that of member states of the East African Community.
VERIFICATION PROCESS	<p>Exporter submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Certification (indicating the point of entry in Zanzibar). • Proforma Invoice. • Quality Management System Certification/s. • Conformity Documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.). • Final invoice (except Airfreight & courier shipments).
ROUTES	<p>Three methods are proposed to the exporters to demonstrate the compliance of their products and obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROUTE A: Applicable to any goods and any trader.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROUTE B: Recommended for frequent exporter with homogeneous products (Registration is renewable annually, subject to continual compliance). • ROUTE C: For Manufacturers.
APPROVED LABORATORY	<p>To obtain evidence that all requirements are met in the applicable standards or technical requirements, goods must undergo one or a combination of the following verification process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection. • Laboratory testing. - Laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 - A Recognized Laboratory practicing good laboratory practices and approved by PVoC Service Provider. • Manufacturers' laboratory witnessed by PVoC Provider. • Factory audit. • Documentary verification. <p>After verification process is completed and results are satisfactory, exporter will have to submit the Final Invoice (except for <i>airfreight and courier shipments</i>) for the issuance of the CoC.</p>
DOCUMENTATION	<p>A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is the document issued to evidence the compliance of products to the relevant approved standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document is required for Customs clearance.
CERTIFICATE	<p>In instances where the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is required, but not obtained, the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For consignments shipped to Zanzibar without CoC, importers may be issued a penalty of 5% CIF as well as payment for Destination Inspection fees. • ZBS will only grant release of such goods upon completion of inspection, testing (where applicable) and verifying conformity to the Standard. It is the seller's responsibility to ensure that shipments to Zanzibar are affected only upon issuance of a Certificate of Conformity or confirmed certification decision.
OTHERS	<p>If the reports from the verification activities such as testing or inspection show discrepancies versus the verification criteria, exporters will be informed accordingly and provided sufficient time to make the necessary corrections; if those are not or cannot be made a "NonConformity Report" (NCR) will be issued. This may imply that goods are not allowed to be shipped into Zanzibar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the seller's responsibility to ensure that shipments to Zanzibar are affected only upon issuance of a Certificate of Conformity or confirmed certification decision.
SGS COVERAGE	Worldwide

2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	
ARE USED PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM?	Yes, dependent upon the applicable Standard.
REGULATED PRODUCTS	<i>As per Point 4. Regulated product lists are subject to change and it is recommended for Imports to Zanzibar that the ZBS website is monitored for any amendments thereto.</i>
REQUIREMENTS TO ELECTRIC PLUGS	Plugs imported to Zanzibar must be three PIN and squared
LABELLING & SHELF LIFE REQUIREMENTS	Refer to appropriate Standard.
FLOOR VALUE	US\$ 3,000.

3. FEES			
Routes	Ad Valorem fee as Percentage of the declared FoB value	Minimum fees per shipment United States Dollars (\$)	Maximum fees per shipment United States Dollars (\$)
A	0.58%	275	3,300
B	0.50%	275	3,300
C	0.28%	275	3,300

Coverage and conditions

The above fees cover the documentary verification, physical inspections of goods issuance of CoC/NCR. The above fees are net fees and **do not include** the following:

- Laboratory Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis.
- Product Registration.
- Manufacturer Licensing.
- Sampling of bulk shipment.
- Re-inspection.
- Witnessing of Loading and sealing of containers.

The SGS fee shall be calculated on the basis of the value of the invoice presented by the exporter or the importer. SGS will be entitled to its fees regardless of whether after its assessment of the goods the exporter or importer does not provide the information or documents necessary for the final issuance of the CoC, or for any reason does not proceed with the shipment of the goods.

4. REGULATED PRODUCTS

The following product categories are subject to the PVOC program.



ZANZIBAR BUREAU OF STANDARDS
PRE-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY
REGULATED LIST OF HS CODES

HScode	Description	Regulatory_Status
0202.10.00	Meat of bovine animals, frozen - Carcasses and half-carcasses	PVoC Regulated
0202.20.00	Meat of bovine animals, frozen - Other cuts with bone in	PVoC Regulated
0202.30.00	Meat of bovine animals, frozen - Boneless	PVoC Regulated
0203.21.00	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen - Frozen: Carcasses and halfcarcasses	PVoC Regulated
0203.22.00	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen - Frozen: Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, with bone in	PVoC Regulated
0203.29.00	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen - Frozen: Other	PVoC Regulated
0204.30.00	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen - Carcasses and halfcarcasses of lamb, frozen	PVoC Regulated
0204.41.00	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen - Other meat of sheep, frozen: Carcasses and half-carcasses	PVoC Regulated
0204.42.00	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen - Other meat of sheep, frozen: Other cuts with bone in	PVoC Regulated
0204.43.00	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen - Other meat of sheep, frozen: Boneless	PVoC Regulated
0204.50.00	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen - Meat of goats	PVoC Regulated
0205.00.00	Meat of horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen	PVoC Regulated
0206.21.00	Edible offal of bovine animals,swine,sheep, goats,horses,asses, mules or hinnies,fresh chilled or frozen - Of bovine animals, frozen: Tongues	PVoC Regulated
0206.22.00	Edible offal of bovine animals,swine,sheep, goats,horses,asses, mules or hinnies,fresh chilled or frozen - Of bovine animals, frozen: Livers	PVoC Regulated
0206.29.00	Edible offal of bovine animals,swine,sheep, goats,horses,asses, mules or hinnies,fresh chilled or frozen - Of bovine animals, frozen: Other	PVoC Regulated
0206.90.00	Edible offal of bovine animals,swine,sheep, goats,horses,asses, mules or hinnies,fresh chilled or frozen - Other: Frozen	PVoC Regulated
0207.12.00	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen - Of Fowls of the specius Gallus domesticus: Not cut in pieces, frozen	PVoC Regulated

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Note: Product list according with East Africa Tarif Book.

Notes:

1. The product list shall be amended from time to time by ZBS.
2. Zanzibar standards take precedence where applicable. Conformance to international/regional standards like IEC, ISO, EN etc. is acceptable provided the Zanzibar requirements are met.
3. Products included in the Import Prohibited list and exempted list are non-regulated.

This product list may be varied from time to time by mutual consent of both parties' subject to confirmation of such variation by the parties in writing. ***It is recommended for Imports to Zanzibar that Importers and Exporters consult the ZBS website for any updates to regulated, non-regulated and exempted goods, as this may be subject to change.***

5. SGS CONTACT LIST: available at [SGS website](#)

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