



## Cameroon

Pre-Shipment Evaluation of  
Conformity (PECAE)

**SGS**

With the signature of Decree No. 2021/3306 /PM of 31 May 2021 which modifies and completes the dispositions of Decree No. 2015/1875/PM of 01 July 2015 establishing and fixing the modalities of the PCA implementation, the government has taken the significant decision to extend the Pre-shipment Conformity Assessment program to all goods imported into the Republic of Cameroon. The date of enforcement has been communicated and set for November 15, 2021, the date of the bill of lading (BL) or air way bill (AWB).

## **THE OBJECTIVES**

The "PECAE" aims to:

- Ensure the quality of products as well as the health, safety and environmental protection of the Cameroon Consumers
- Protect the public against substandard products that can endanger public health, safety and environment
- Protect local manufacturers against unfair competition from imported products which do not comply to local standards

## **GENERAL FEATURES**

- Goods imported into Cameroon shall require a Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- CoC is a mandatory clearance document for each shipment
- The exporter is liable for any or economic consequences arising from goods shipped without the Attestation de Conformité (AC)

## **PECAE PROCEDURE**

Under PECAE, process might be initiated by the exporter at the country of supply or by the importer in Cameroon

- If the procedure is initiated by the importer at the "import declaration" stage, the SGS liaison office in Cameroon will forward the documents presented by the importer to the SGS affiliates in the countries of dispatch. This will lead to the coordination of the intervention with the exporter and (if necessary) to the request for missing documents.

- If the process is initiated by the exporter; he will submit to SGS the following documents:
  - Final invoice (required to issue AC)
  - Proforma invoice
  - Quality Management System Certification (if available)
  - Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc...)
  - Final invoice (required to issue AC)

To obtain evidence that all requirements met according to the applicable standards or technical regulations, goods must undergo one or a combination of the following verification process:

- Physical inspection
- Laboratory
- Factory audit
- Documentary verification

After the verification process is completed with satisfactory results, the exporter will submit his final invoice for the issuance of the Attestation de Conformité "AC". For air shipments the AC will be issued based on the Proforma Invoice.

Based on the "AC", ANOR will issue the "CoC" to the importer who will use it for customs clearance.

## **APPROVED LABORATORIES**

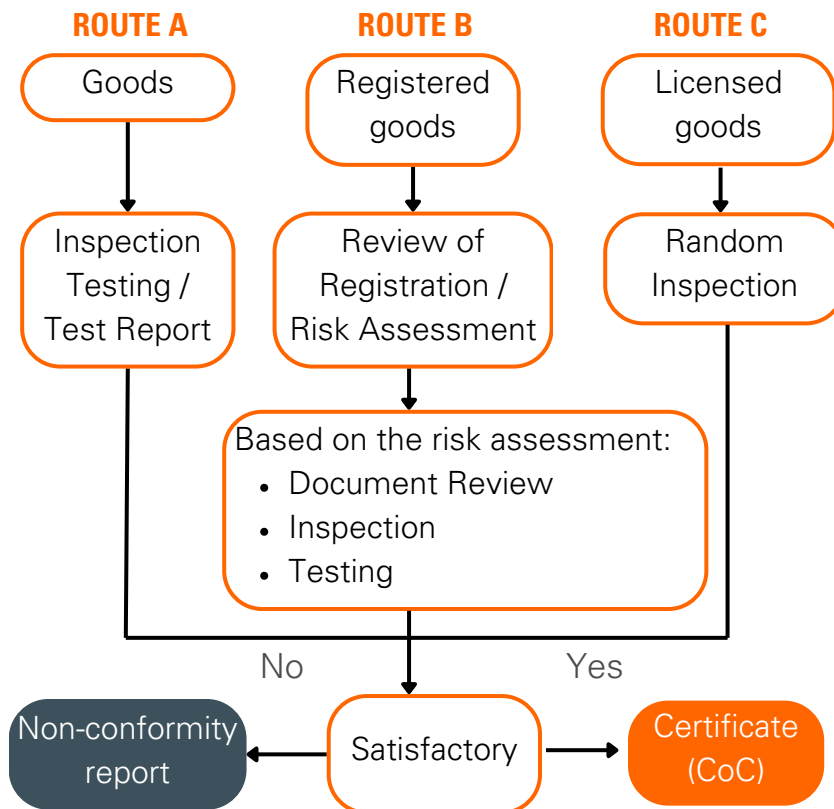
Approved laboratories under PECAE are as follows:

1. SGS Laboratories
2. Third party ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory operating as per the ILAC guidelines
3. Supplier laboratory provided that the test results are detailed as per the corresponding standard, that the laboratory holds a recognized quality certification system (such as ISO 9001,etc.) and that the list of the equipment (model, serial number,etc.) with the corresponding calibration records and are supplied to demonstrate laboratory capabilities for testing

## ROUTES OF VERIFICATION

PECAE covers three certification routes as follows:

- ROUTE A: This route is recommended for high risk goods and parties, non registered/infrequent suppliers, manufacturers of sensitive goods or shipments of heterogeneous goods
- ROUTE B: This route is recommended for the exporters with regular and frequent shipments of homogeneous products
- ROUTE C: This route is limited to manufacturers and it does include factory audit



## FEES STRUCTURE (USD)

ROUTES	AD VALOREM FOB VALUE, %	MINIMUM FEE	MAXIMUM FEE
A	0.450%	300	7,000
B	0.400%	300	7,000
C	0.270%	300	7,000

- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Sampling
- Container sealing
- Product Registration: \$ 375 for up to 15 line items; \$ 20 for every line item above 15 lines
- Manufacturers licensing

## WHY SGS?

SGS has a vast experience in delivering conformity assessment services in Africa and Middle East. We have unparalleled network, local Contract management, and dedicated team of professionals. Together with superior software platform, it ensures consistency, speed, efficiency and professionalism.

## 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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