

GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE



Tanzania
Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity
to Standards



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

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1. PRODUCTS CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	01/10/2018
PROGRAM OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure quality of products, health and safety, and environmental protection for Tanzanians as reflected in the scope of the regulated products. • Minimize the risk of unsafe and sub-standard goods entering Tanzania 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 Tanzanian 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.

<p>SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM</p>	<p>PVoC is a conformity assessment process used to verify that products to be imported into Tanzania are in conformity with applicable Tanzanian Standards or approved equivalents, and technical regulations, before shipment.</p>
<p>VERIFICATION PROCESS</p>	<p>Exporter submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Certification (indicating the point of entry in Tanzania). • Proforma Invoice. • Quality Management System Certification/s. • Conformity Documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.). • Final invoice (except Airfreight & courier shipments). <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"> • Physical inspection • Laboratory testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 (<i>except for airfreight and courier shipments</i>) for the issuance of the CoC.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT METHOD</p>	<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. • ROUTE B: Recommended for frequent exporter with homogeneous products (Registration is renewable annually, subject to continual compliance). • ROUTE C: For Manufacturers.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (CoC)</p>	<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. • For consignments shipped to Tanzania without CoC, importers may be issued a penalty of 15% CIF. • TBS 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 Tanzania are affected only upon issuance of a Certificate of Conformity or confirmed certification decision.
<p>NON-CONFORMITY REPORT (NCR)</p>	<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 Tanzania.</p>
<p>FEES</p>	<p>Fees are payable in advance by the exporter. Fees are net of any tax, present or future, that may be applicable and are payable upon receipt of the Request of Certification (RFC).</p> <p>Fees are due regardless of whether after assessment of the goods of the exporter or importer does not provide the information or document necessary for the final issuance of the CoC, or for any other reasons does proceed to the shipment of the goods.</p>
	<p>NB: Fees structure detailed in section 3.</p>

2. LISTING OF REGULATED PRODUCTS

2.1 SUBJECT TO PVOC

The following product categories are subject to the PVOC program (Further details of regulated products are available on TBS website: <https://www.tbs.go.tz/pages/inspection>)

GROUP I – TOYS AND SPORTS
GROUP II – ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS
GROUP III – AUTOMOTIVE
GROUP V – MECHANICAL MATERIALS AND GAS APPLIANCES
GROUP VI – PAPER AND STATIONERY
GROUP VII – FURNITURE (WOOD & METAL ARTICLES)
GROUP VIII – TEXTILES
GROUP IX – SAFETY (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE) EQUIPMENT
GROUP X – FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS
GROUP XI – USED PRODUCTS

Important Notes:

1. Further details of regulated products are available on TBS website: <https://www.tbs.go.tz/pages/inspection>.
2. Tanzania standards take precedence where applicable. Conformance to international/regional standards like IEC, ISO, EN etc. is acceptable provided the Tanzanian requirements are met.
3. Products included in the Import Prohibited list and exempted list are non-regulated.
4. Project-specific products and diplomatic cargo 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.

3. FEES STRUCTURE

Routes	Ad Valorem fee as a percentage of the declared FoB value	Minimum fees per shipment United states Dollars (\$)	Maximum fees per shipment United states Dollars (\$)
A	0.50%	250	5,000
B	0.45%	250	5,000
C	0.25%	250	5,000



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. LISTING OF GOODS EXEMPTED FROM PVoC

- Non-Regulated Products (even if under voluntary requests).
- Personal goods/belongings which require submission of supporting documents such as residence permit, work permit, students permit, passport, baggage accompanying form.
- Raw materials that require that final products be certified by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) under the product certification scheme ('TBS' mark or tested product certification) as well as submission of copy of valid standards mark license/certificate or its renewal endorsement and submission of list of goods for exemption. Members of CTI (Confederation of Tanzania Industries) to submit introduction letters from CTI.
- Capital goods require submission of Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) Certificate of Incentives as well as submission of TRA approval letter for tax exemption and the approved list of exempted products.
- Goods for mining and exploration activities must be accompanied by submission of relevant exploration and mining licenses or permits and any other evidence of involvement in the mining and exploration activities.
- Government project goods to ensure submission of application for exemption letter from the relevant government institution (ministry, agency, authority etc.) as well as evidence of quality verification agreement for the project goods.
- Donated goods must be accompanied by submission of donation certificate, tax exemption documents and list of goods or packing list.
- Small quantity / items for personal use (less than US\$ 1,000)
- Goods of small value wherein FOB value less than USD 5000 (However Exporter may request for such but not if value is less than US\$ 1,000)
- Used Tires.
- Plastic carrier bags.

Note: Successful applications for PVoC exemption will be granted with exemption letters. Exemption letters will be used to obtain clearance permit for an imported consignment.

It is recommended for Imports to Tanzania that Importers and Exporters consult the TBS 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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