

**TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE**



STATE OF QATAR
Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Qatar



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

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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME

Certificate of Conformity for Shipments: Food and Beverages

PROGRAM MANDATED BY

Ministry of Public Health

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

25.01.2024

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Assess and verify compliance of food and beverages for export to the State of Qatar, in accordance with the regulations, rules, specifications and conditions approved by MOPH

VERIFICATION PROCESS

Based on the documents, SGS will:

- Verify the conformity of the goods to the updated QATAR/GSO standards/technical regulations and requirements.
- Perform a physical inspection on products.
- Collect a sample from each consignment alongside the physical inspection. The sampling process will follow specific product QATAR/GSO standard requirements, and each sample will be marked with the SGS reference/sample sticker (the sticker serial number will be considered as the 'reference number') to enable traceability.
- Sampling for testing will be conducted based on the risk of the product category (details can be shared based on product details)
- Cartons containing samples for removal will be sealed using SGS tape.
- Copy of the sampling receipt will be attached to the inspection report for traceability.
- Copy of the sample receipt will be attached to the collected sample, serving as a reference document for the testing laboratory.
- Samples will be handed over to the client for testing. Testing is to be conducted at an ISO/IEC 17025-accredited laboratory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once it is confirmed the sample has passed relevant tests, the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued. CoC shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full reference and traceability to samples drawn (sample reference number) for testing. Seal numbers (as applicable) If the product fails testing, a Non-Negotiable Report (NNR) is issued. MOPH provided with quarterly report
ROUTES	Route A: Non-registered products – involves pre-shipment inspection and pre-shipment testing of products. Physical inspection conducted to verify the labelling/markings, storage and other visual verification.
APPROVED LABORATORY	As per GSO requirements, testing must be conducted in an approved ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory.
DOCUMENTATION	<p>Exporter submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for certification and declaration of conformity. Commercial invoice Documents: Ingredient list with concentrations, Certificate of Analysis {batch-wise}, product labels/artworks and hygiene certificate MOPH registration number for product (QFR Number) Test reports from approved ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory. Company's quality management system documents (ISO 9001, ISO 22000, GMP, HACCP, any FSMS certification or similar) Halal certificate from approved bodies (as applicable) Slaughter certificate from approved bodies (as applicable) Certificate of origin (as applicable) Health certificate (as applicable) Establishment registration (as applicable)
CERTIFICATE	A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued to evidence the compliance of the shipment.
OTHERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOPH circulars on food updates/recalls/ban/warnings available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Health - Publications (moph.gov.qa) Ministry of Public Health - Homepage (moph.gov.qa)
SGS COVERAGE	Global

2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	
ARE USED PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM?	No
REGULATED PRODUCTS	As per the list attached in the MOPH website https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/Pages/default.aspx

REQUIREMENTS TO ELECTRIC PLUGS	N/A
LABELLING & SHELF-LIFE REQUIREMENTS	<p>All food products should have marking/labeling as per updated requirements of QATAR/GSO 9.</p> <p>Detailed marking requirements as per product category should be available on specific food products.</p> <p>Shelf-life requirements of food products shall be as per regulation. QATAR/GSO 150-1:2013/Amd 2:2022; QATAR/GSO 150-2:2013</p>
FLOOR VALUE	N/A

3. FEES

For fee details please contact SGS office at the country of supply/shipment

4. REGULATED PRODUCTS

All food & beverages

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

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