# Gabon

Gabonese Program for Conformity Assessment (PROGEC)



On January 26, 2015, SGS signed a convention with the Agence Gabonaise de Normalization (AGANOR) to provide inspection and verification services in relation to the Gabonese Program of Conformity (PROGEC). The contract was renewed in 2021. This program ensures regulated products imported into Gabon conform to relevant standards and technical regulations and prevents the import of unsafe, counterfeit and/or non-compliant goods to protect consumers and the interests of local businesses.

#### PROCESS

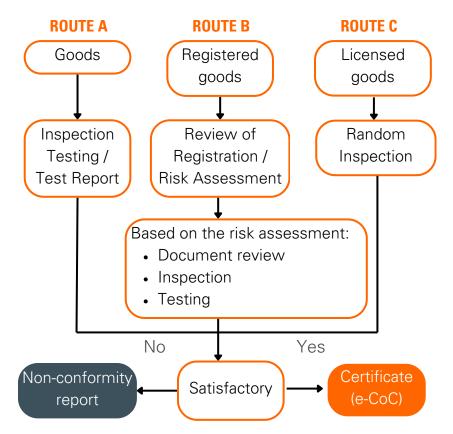
- Exporter requests a certificate of conformity (CoC) by submitting a request for certification (RFC) to SGS with a proforma invoice along with quality documents (test reports, product technical sheet, quality management system certificates, etc.)
- We analyze the documents and confirm the certification route (see beside) and applicable standards
- We coordinate physical inspections in line with the provisions of the program
- Payment must be completed by the exporter prior to inspections
- Exporter must submit a copy of the final invoice to us
- e-CoC is issued if all interventions are satisfactory
- Non-conformity report (NCR) is issued if verification is unsatisfactory and the exporter has not made the necessary corrections

## **BASIC FEATURES**

- e-CoC are mandatory for clearance through customs
- Supplier/exporter is responsible of compliance and is liable for any economic consequences arising from goods being shipped without an e-CoC

# **VERIFICATION ROUTES**

- Route A: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers of products imported into the Gabonese Republic who do not have regular shipments or who send sensitive products that require regular quality control against compliance standards
- Route B: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers with frequent and regular shipments to the Gabonese Republic. Route B offers a facilitated procedure where registered bulk shipments are not systematically submitted for interventions. Note: registration is renewable annually, subject to ongoing compliance
- Route C: for products under license (registered system). This method consists of type testing, factory evaluation and control by audits of the manufacturing process, as well as testing of samples taken from the factory and/or shipping



### FEE STRUCTURE (EUR)

Routes	Ad valorem FOB value (in %)	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
A	0.530%	300	7,000
В	0.450%	300	7,000
С	0.270%	220	7,000

The above fees cover document evaluation but do not include laboratory testing, facility audits, technical industrial expertise, container sealing and the sampling of bulk product shipments Registration fees:

Products/lines	Annual registration fees (EUR)	
First 15 products	375	
Each extra products (above 15)	20 (per product/line)	

#### 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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