

GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE KENYA Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Kenya Standards This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to Kenya Date issued: 29/06/2022 Last modification 28/10/2022

1. PRODUCTS CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT		
PROGRAM NAME	Pre-Export Verification to Conformity (PVoC)	
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)	
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	23/06/2022 (Sixth consecutive mandate for SGS)	
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES	 Verification of conformity to Kenya Standards or other approved standards and technical regulations Ensure conformity of imported products (See below regulated products) https://www.kebs.org/?opt=qai&view=new_pvoc_requir_ments	
VERIFICATION PROCESS	 Request: Importers or exporters submit request for CoC together with the initial set of supporting documents using TFS Customer Portal: https://exporter-portal.sgs.com/. This action automatically registers application. Requests sent directly to SGS Liaison Office in Kenya or the SGS Country Office will also be processed and transferred to the portal. Verification: The SGS Executing Office in the country of supply liaises with the exporter to request the mandatory documents and complementary information about the goods, i.e., detailed products description, place where the goods are available for verification as well as a copy of the invoice related to the shipment. The SGS Executing Office will then coordinate with the supplier/exporter for carrying out the applicable interventions (inspection, sampling/testing). Evaluation: Reports from the verification activities (Inspection Report, Test Report(s)) together with the mandatory supporting documents are submitted to SGS Certification Centre for review against the regulatory requirements in force. Attestation: The successful review of the various reports and other supporting documents lead to the issuance of Certificate of Conformity to evidence the compliance of the shipment. If discrepancies are 	



	identified, feedback is given to the exporter as well as guidance for implementing the necessary corrections to achieve compliance.		
	There are three (3) certification routes to obtaining CoC.		
	 Route A – for random, one-off shipments of goods; Consignment testing and inspection. Container sealing for used clothes and used footwear, 		
ROUTES	Route B (Registration valid for 1 year) – for frequent exports of homogeneous products; annual product conformity assessment (registration) and 30% consignment inspection and Test report by manufacturer traceable to the inspected batches to be shipped.		
	 Route C (Licensing valid for 3 years) – for manufacturers and their authorised representatives; annual factory audit, 10% consignment inspection and Test report by manufacturer traceable to the inspected batches to be shipped. 		
	PVoC service providers laboratory, mainly SGS labs		
RECOGNIZED LABORATORY	Laboratory accredited to ISO/IEC 17025		
	Government owned laboratory		
	1. Consumer products		
	 Test report should be from any of the recognized laboratories. 		
	 In the absence of recognized laboratories in the country of supply, witness testing may be conducted 		
	2. Machinery and spares		
	Manufacturers test report. Manufacturer must have valid ISO 9001 certificate or any other quality management system		
RECOGNIZED TEST REPORTS	Medical Equipment (except medical consumables)		
	 Manufacturers test report, PPB permit and manufacturer must be ISO 13485 certified 		
	4. Automotive parts and spares		
	 Manufacturers test reports, and manufacturer must be IATF 16949 certified 		
	5. Chemicals/raw materials without applicable Kenya Standards		
	 Manufacturer internal test report with a valid ISO 9001 certificate 		
	Mandatory documents required for inspection and CoC issuance		
	Completed Request for Certification (RFC)		
	Copy of IDF if available and UCR-mandatory		
DOCUMENTATION	Manufacturer's/Seller's declaration of conformity Test Reports issued by a recognized laboratory		
2000MENTATION	Test Reports issued by a recognized laboratoryDocumentary evidence as proof to show		
	compliance with anti-counterfeit measures for Routes A and B		
	Inspection report		
	 Pro-forma/final Invoice 		



	 Valid statement of Registration for route B
	 Valid statement of License for Route C
	 Other documents: When applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:
	 Quality management system certificates (e.g., ISO 9001) Factory records on tests performed by the manufacturer in case of monitoring under routes B and C Product's technical datasheets
	A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) should be issued to evidence the compliance of the shipments.
CERTIFICATE	It provides the Kenya Bureau of Standards and Customs with a proof that the goods being imported are in compliance with the relevant standards and technical regulations.
	 It's a mandatory document for goods clearance at the border for every shipment.
	For consignments delivered to Kenya without CoC, importers may be issued a penalty of 5% CIF. The costs of the test will be charged to the importer as well. It is the seller's responsibility to ensure that shipments to Kenya are affected only upon issuance of a Certificate of Conformity or confirmed certification decision.
	Amendment of CoC not allowed by KEBS once issued.
	Otherwise KEBS is mandated to conduct destination inspection and may approve clearance of subject goods even without a CoC.
	CoC is a virtual document available online for authorities during clearance of imports; trade receives copies of the document by e-mail; if required by the trade, a hard copy may be issued on security paper.
	Other documents: When applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:
OTHERS	Quality management system certificates (e.g., ISO 9001)
	Factory records on tests performed by the manufacturer
	Product's technical datasheets

2. SGS is mandated to operate in the following regions: **ZONE 7 ZONE 10 ZONE 13** 1. India USA Italy 1. 1. 2. Pakistan 2. Canada France 2. Switzerland Belgium 3. Sri Lanka 3. 4. **ZONE 8 ZONE 11** Luxembourg Japan Korea (South) Lithuania 1. 6. Liechtenstein 2. Belarus 7. Germany Indonesia Ukraine Austria 3. 3. 8. Malaysia Philippines 4. 4. Georgia Netherlands 5. 5. Armenia Thailand Azerbaijan 6.



7. Singapo	re 7.	Turkmenistan	ZONE 14	
8. Vietnam	8.	Uzbekistan	1.	Norway
9. Cambod	lia 9.	Kazakhstan	2.	Sweden
	10.	Kyrgyzstan	3.	Finland
ZONE 9	11.	Tajikistan	4.	Denmark
1. Mexico	12.	Russia		
Guatema	la 13.	Turkistan	ZONE 15	
El Salvad	lor 14.	Czech Republic	1.	Iran
4. Honduras	15.	Slovakia	2.	Iraq
5. Nicaragu	a 16.	Hungary	3.	Saudi Arabia
6. Costa Ric		Bulgaria	4.	Oman
7. Panama		Poland	5.	Jordan
8. Venezuel	a		6.	Syria
Colombia	ZONE 12		7.	Lebanon
10. Brazil	1.	Turkey	8.	Yemen
11. Ecuador	2.	Greece	9.	Bahrain
12. Peru	3.	Cyprus	10.	Qatar
13. Bolivia	4.	Spain	11.	Kuwait
14. Paraguay	5.	Portugal		
15. Uruguay	6.	Malta	ZONE 16	
16. Argentina	1		Uni	ted Arab Emirates
17. Chile				
18. Cuba			ZONE 18	
19. Jamaica			1.	Mozambique
20. Guyana			2.	Namibia
21. Dominica	n		3.	Lesotho
Republic			4.	S. Africa
			5.	Swaziland
			6.	Mauritius
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Countries NOT subject to PVoC Program (goods shipped from these countries to be subjected to Destination Inspection-DI)

Zones	Countries	
India Subcontinent		
India Subcontinent	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal	
Far East	North Korea	
Australia, New Zealand, and Polynesia Islands	Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia Islands, Samoa	
Ex-Soviet Union Republics	Estonia, Latvia	
Eastern Europe	Albania, Bosnia—Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Romania	
Nordic Countries	Iceland	
Middle East	Israel	
Maghreb Countries	Algeria, Morocco, Western Sahara	
North Africa	Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia	
West Africa	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo	



Central Africa	Angola, Central Africa Republic, Congo Brazzaville, DRC, Gabon
South Africa	Botswana, Madagascar, Malawi, Seychelles, Zambia, Zimbabwe

3. LISTING OF REGULATED PRODUCTS

According to latest update by KEBS (www.kebs.org), all the products imported into country are subject to PVoC except the following:

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CATEGORY	CRITERIA OF EXEMPTION	REMARKS	
Importers of products regulated by other government agencies.	Proof of quality certification by the regulator(s)/ Import permits etc.	Concerned importers to submit Import permit or any other quality certification documentation to KRA for processing of customs entries/IDF. Please refer to the next table for a detailed list of products regulated by other government agencies	
Industrial raw materials excluding materials specified by national Standards Council, CKD kits for road vehicles, machinery and industrial spares imported by registered manufacturers for own use	 Applicant must demonstrate to KEBS quality track record for the raw materials and the final products as confirmed by KEBS Proof of transformation of raw material (s) into a completely different product (finished product) Proof of certification to a quality management system/ or professional practice. Manufacturers to provide to KEBS data on their customers complaints Proof that the final products are directly linked to the raw materials being imported Proof of registration as an assembler or Manufacturer Under Bond (MUB) or Export Processing Zone. Proof of manufacturing (license or permit from other gov agencies. 	Concerned importers to fill the form in Microsoft excel format available on KEBS website (www.kebs.org) and submit the filled form in the same format (Microsoft excel format) via email to inspections@kebs.org together with the other required documents (the required documents are listed in the excel form under instructions). The application fees for exemption refer to the attached Annex 1.	
Diplomats and diplomatic Missions except motor vehicles	PRO 1A form and PRO 1B issued by ministry of foreign affairs	Completed PRO 1A and IB to be submitted to KRA at the time of importation	



New motor vehicles parts imported from manufacturer of the vehicle to which the parts are to be fitted or their authorised representative	Evidence that exporter is the original Vehicle manufacturer or evidence of authorization by the vehicle manufacturer in the case of authorise representative Manufacturer's warranty of the parts with applicable standard Evidence of registration by KEBS as importer of those parts Evidence of conformity of all parts	Concerned importers to fill the form in Microsoft excel format available on KEBS website (www.kebs.org) and submit the filled form in the same format (Microsoft excel format) via email to inspections@kebs.org together with the other required documents (the required documents are listed in the excel form under instructions).
Courier parcels with value specified by the Council and direct assessment	Parcel handler's license issued by the CAK Direct assessment documents approved by KRA	Goods to be subjected to destination Inspection by KEBS If parcels constitute food stuff, they shall be well labelled specifying ingredients and storage conditions
Importers of printed matter and copyrighted digital materials	Declaration that the material has not violated any intelectual property rights	
Importers of goods certified by KEBS under Diamond Mark Scheme	Valid Diamond Mark permit	Concerned importers to submit the importation documentation to KEBS for processing of Local CoC.
Importers of goods manufactured within East African Community (EAC)	Country of Origin must be an EAC member state	Import Entries for goods from EAC Partner states to be processed by KRA based on Country of supply
Importers of new vehicles and new mobile equipment	New vehicles must be imported directly from the manufacturer of the brands or the manufacturer's appointed agent	Clearance to be based on year of manufacture. Refer to the section of this table below table "inspection of vehicles, bulldozers, agricultural tractors excavators, graders and other off-road vehicles".
Importers of used personal Effects belonging to returning residents and arriving expatriates excluding vehicles	Goods must be pre-owned before shipment	KRA to administer
Importers of vehicles from countries where KEBS does not have a motor vehicle inspection arrangement	Country of exportation must be a country where KEBS does not have a motor vehicle inspection arrangement	Vehicles not from UAE, Japan , UK, South Africa, Thailand, to be subjected to destination inspection at a fee 0.6% customs value or USD265 whichever is higher
General consumables (stores) imported by International carriers for inflight / ships services	Proof of existence as international Carrier. Authority by KRA as proof to operate as duty free	Concerned importers to submit licenses to KRA for processing of their import entries
Equipment and original manufacturers (OEM) parts for licensed power generation companies	Evidence of OEM warranty	
Original equipment medical manufacturers parts for medical equipment	Evidence of Original Equipment manufacturer for spare parts Evidence of manufacturer's warranty	Clearance to be based on confirmation of the invoice and warranty from the manufacturer
Importers of temporary goods	Submission of a bond executed in favour of KRA Carnet Certificate (for vehicles)	Concerned importers to submit an executed bond in favour of KRA at the time of importation



Various products regulated under specific laws:	Refer to annex 3 for further guidance		Concerned importers to submit an executed bond in favour of KRSA at the time of importation
INSPECTION OF VEHICLES, BULLD OFFROAD VEHICLES	OZERS, AGRICULTU	JRAL TRACTORS EXC	CAVATORS, GRADERS AND OTHER
TYPE OF VEHICLE		REQUIREMENT	
New road vehicles that are imported directly from the manufacturer of the brands or the manufacturer's appointed agent		Exempted from the r	equirement to provide a certificate of
New trailers, bulldozers, agricultural tragraders and other off-road vehicles	actors, excavators,	Exempted from the reconformity	equirement to provide a certificate of
Used trailers, bulldozers, agricultural to graders and other off-road vehicles co Japan, UAE, Thailand and South Afric	ming from UK,	QISJ to undertake in	spections
Used trailers, bulldozers, agricultural to graders and other off-road vehicles co where QISJ has not been contracted to services	ming from countries	KEBS to conduct des	stination inspection
New road vehicles that have not been sourced from manufacturers or franchise holders coming from countries where QISJ has been contracted to operate		QISJ to undertake in	spections
Used motor vehicle spare parts coming from UK, Japan, UAE, Thailand and South Africa		QISJ to undertake in	spections
Used Motor vehicle spare parts coming from countries where KEBS has not contracted an agent to provide inspection services		KEBS to conduct des	stination inspection
LIST OF REGULATORY AGENCIES	AND THE PRODUCT	S THEY LICENSE, WH	HICH ARE SUBJECT TO PVOC
GOVERNMENT AGENCY		PRODUCTS AFFEC	TED AND HS CODES
Communications Authority of Kenya		8526-Radarrr, radio i Control apparatus	navigational aid and radio Remote
KENYA PLANT HEALTH INSPECTORATE SERVICES - KEPHIS		1211-1213: Oilseeds	egetables and certain roots and tubes & Oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous rial or medicinal plants, straw and der any chapter.
DIRECTORATE OF VETERINARY SERVICES		0201-0210: Fresh/ch 0506: bones and hor 4101-4103: Raw hide	illed carcasses only n-cores
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT		0307: Mollusks, when	or chilled whether in shell or not, fresh, or chilled ther in shell or not, fresh or chilled aquatic invertebrates.
PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD		3003, 3004: Medican 3006.60.00: Chemica	nents al contraceptive preparations based on

hormones -Vaccines



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY	Chapter 89: Ships, Boats and floating structures spares
RADIATION PROTECTION BOARD	2844-2845: Radioactive Chemical elements and radioactive isotopes - All foods - Vehicles - Drinking water
KENYA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY	8804: Balloons and dirigibles; grinders, hang gliders and other non-powered aircraft and parts thereof
MINES AND GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT	3601-3604: Explosives and pyrotechnic substances
PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS BOARD	3808: Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti- sprouting products
VETERINARY MEDICINES DIRECTORATE	Animal Medicaments (excluding of heading 3002, 3005 or 3006) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail

4.SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS		
SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED	 ∑ YES □ NO Seal Container for consignments of used clothes and used footwear. Sealing of FCL consignments under route A from UAE 	
ARE USED PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM?	⊠ YES □ NO	
REQUIREMENTS TO ELECTRIC PLUGS	 Appliances with cord must be supplied with plugs compliant to BS 1363. Appliances with cord but with plugs not complying with BS 1363 can be provided with compliant to BS 1363-5 "Fused conversion plugs" Exceptions are made to appliances operating under current above 13A. 	
PROHIBITED IMPORTS		
CHAPTER/ HEADINGS (HS CODES)	DESCRIPTION	
0506.10.00	Ossein and bones treated with acid.	
0506.90.00	Other bones and horn-cores, unworked, defatted, simply prepared but not cut to shape, degelatinised powder and waste thereof.	
0507.10.20	Teeth, of hippopotamus, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.	
0507.10.10	Ivory, of elephant, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.	
0507.10.30	Horn, of rhinoceros, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.	



3601.00.00	Propellant powders.	
CHAPTER/ HEADINGS (HS CODES)	DESCRIPTION	
RESTRICTED IMPORTS		
OTHER	Indian Hemp and related products Hemp products	
OTHER	Cosmetics containing substances listed in KS 1474-2:2004 (Banned)	
7214.20.00	Only bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel produced during the rolling process and twisted after rolling	
9307.00.00	Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof.	
9306.90.90	For sporting, hunting, or target shooting	
9306.90.10	Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles & similarof war & parts thereof	
9306.30.90	Other cartridges & parts thereof	
9306.30.10	For sporting, hunting, or target shooting	
9306.29.00	Parts of shotgun cartridges or air gun pellets.	
9601.90.00	Bone, tortoiseshell, horn, antlers, coral, mother-of- pearl and other animal carving material, and articles of these materials (including articles obtained by moulding).	
9601.10.00	Worked ivory and articles of ivory.	
7214.20.00	Twisted steel bars for reinforcement of concrete*	
2844.50.00	Spent (irradiated) fuel elements (cartridges) of nuclear reactors.	
0509.00.00	Natural sponges of animal origin.	
0508.00.00	Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked, shells of molluscs, crustaceans or echinoderms and cuttle-bone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, powder and waste thereof.	
0507.90.00	Tortoise shell, whalebone and whalebone hair, other horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste thereof.	
0507.10.90	Ivory powder and waste.	
0507.10.40	Other ivory, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.	



3602.00.00	Prepared explosives, other than propellant powders.
3603.00.10	Safety fuses; detonating fuses.
3603.00.90	Other igniters and electric detonators, percussion or detonating caps.
3604.10.00	Fireworks.
3604.90.10	Very (light) flares and railway signals.
3604.90.20	Rain rockets, anti-hail rockets and cartridges; distress and life-saving rockets.
3604.90.90	Other pyrotechnic articles.
8401.10.00	Nuclear reactors.
8401.30.00	Fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors.
8401.40.00	Parts of nuclear reactors.
8710.00.00	Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, motorised, whether or not fitted with weapons, and parts of such vehicles.
8906.10.00	Warships.
9301.00.00	Military weapons, other than revolvers, pistols & arms of heading no.: 93.07
9302.00.00	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading No. 93.03 or 93.04.
9303.10.00	Muzzle-loading firearms
9303.20.00	Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting shotguns, including combination shotgun-rifles.
9303.30.00	Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting rifles.
9303.90.00	Other firearms.
9304.00.00	Other arms (for example, spring, air or gas guns and pistols, truncheons), excluding those of heading No. 93.07.
9305.10.00	Parts of revolvers or pistols.
9305.21.00	Shotgun barrels
9305.29.00	Other parts of shotguns or rifles.
9305.90.00	Other parts of firearms other than revolver, pistols, shot guns or rifles



	Cartridges for riveting or similar tools or for captive-bolt
9306.10.00	humane killers and parts thereof.
9306.21.00	Shotgun cartridges.
9306.29.00	Parts of shotgun cartridges or air gun pellets.
9306.30.10	For sporting, hunting, or target shooting
9306.30.90	Other cartridges & parts thereof
9306.90.10	Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles & similar of war & parts thereof
9306.90.90	For sporting, hunting, or target shooting
9307.00.00	Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof.
OTHER	Used Tyres (Banned, except for some importers holding valid licenses)
OTHER	Motor Vehicles aged over 8 years – Acc.to KS1515:2019 Banned, except in some cases
OTHER	Motor Vehicles with Left Hand Drive (not accepted for registration, unless they are for special purposes) (see pp. 2.4)
OTHER	Cosmetics containing substances listed in KS 1474-3:2004
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS	All labeling of packaging of imports shall include English and/or Swahili.
	 All imports with a limited shelf life shall have more than seventy-five per cent (75%) shelf life for food items and 50% for non-food items from the date of expected landing in Kenya
	 Packaged goods (e.g., foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, cosmetics, and similar) shall indicate the batch numbers and dates of expiration and/or date of production.
	 Brand Name – no unbranded goods should be issued with CoCs. The brand name must be indicated in both the CoC and in the CoC data Detailed actual description of the exported goods to include the name, type, size, model, make and/or shape, as applicable
TARGETED PRODUCTS FOR MANDATORY DESTINATION TESTING BY KEBS	 Surgical and examination gloves Medical and non-medical masks Lead acid batteries (starter batteries) Lamps (LED and Compact Fluorescent lamps Greases Z-Angles and flat bars Pre-painted steel coils Shoes Electric cables Sanitary towels Plastic piping products



- Virgin olive oils and refined olive pomace oil
- Food products (except rice
- All bulk consignments (except rice)

5. FEES

Route A

Ad Valorem fee of 0.600% of the FOB Value of the goods imported Minimum fee per shipment: USD 265 (two hundred sixty-five US Dollars)

Maximum fee per shipment: USD 2700

Route E

Ad Valorem fee of 0.550% of the FOB Value of the goods imported Minimum fee per shipment: USD 265 (two hundred sixty-five US Dollars)

Maximum fee per shipment: USD 2700

Route C

An Ad Valorem fee of 0.350% of the FOB Value of the goods imported Minimum fee per shipment: USD 265 (two hundred sixty-five US Dollars)

Maximum fee per shipment: USD 2700

Coverage and conditions

The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspection of goods, including the sealing of FCL container when applicable.

The above fees do not include the following activities:

- Re-inspection
- Sampling of bulk cargoes
- Testing
- Product Registration
- Manufacturer licensing
- Bailing site Audits

The above fees: quoted on a case-by-case basis

The fees are net of tax.

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