



The Central African Republic Program of Conformity Assessment

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On November 20, 2020, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) of the Central African Republic (CAR) signed a contract with SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA for the Verification of Conformity of products to be imported to CAR.

The program's objective is to ensure that products comply with the requirements of standards and technical regulations applicable in CAR in order to prevent the importation of goods which are unsafe, counterfeit and/or non-compliant to the current regulations. This protects consumers from risk and protects their interests.

THE PROCEDURE

- Exporter submits a Request for Certification (RFC) through the SGS Exporter Portal (<https://exporter-portal.sgs.com/>) with a proforma invoice and quality documents (test reports, product technical sheets, quality management system certificates, etc.)
- SGS reviews the documents and confirms the certification route (see below) and applicable standards
- SGS, according to the provisions of the program, coordinates digital inspection (exporter makes payment before any inspection takes place)
- Exporter submits a copy of the final invoice to SGS
- If the result of the review is satisfactory and after having received all the necessary documents, SGS will issue a Certificate of Conformity (CoC)

- If the result of the verification activity is not satisfactory and corrective actions have not been completed by the exporter, SGS will issue a Non Conformity Report (NCR)

APPROVED LABORATORIES

Approved laboratories are those accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 or equivalent, those owned or subcontracted by SGS, or a laboratory of the supplier, provided that the facility is under a certified quality management system of the company, and that key elements of ISO/IEC 17025 are fulfilled.

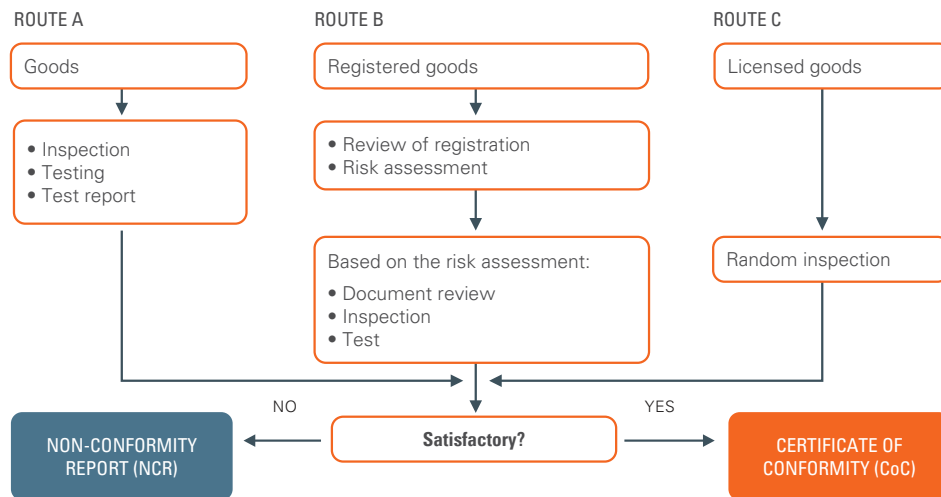
BASIC FEATURES

- A CoC is mandatory to clear goods through Customs
- The supplier/exporter is responsible for compliance and liable for any economic consequences arising from goods shipped without a CoC

ROUTES TO VERIFICATION

- ROUTE A: Applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers of products imported into CAR which do not have regular shipments or send sensitive products that require regular quality control with compliance standards
- ROUTE B: This method is applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers with frequent and regular shipments to CAR. Route B offers a facilitated procedure because shipments registered are not systematically submitted to all the interventions. Note: Registration is renewable annually, subject to continuous compliance
- ROUTE C: For products under license (registered system). This method consists of type of test, evaluation of the factory and control by audits of the manufacturing process, as well as sampling testing taken from the factory and/or during shipping

KEY POINTS



FEES STRUCTURE, EUR

ROUTES	AD VALOREM FOB VALUE, %	MINIMUM FEE
A	0.50%	300
B	0.45%	300
C	0.35%	300

These fees cover the documentary check of the goods but do not include testing in laboratories, audits of manufacturing, technical industrial expertise, container sealing and the sampling of bulk products in shipment. In the event that a physical inspection (in situ) is required (technical incapacity for a tele-inspection), an additional fee of EUR 200 will be charged.

Registration fees in euros:

Products/Lines	Annual Registration Fees (Euros)
First 15 Products	375
Each extra product (above 15)	20 (per product line)

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- One stop shop for all certifications worldwide
- Key Account Management in country or/and in our Contract Management Office
- Immediate access to information about your order/file
- Support in linking all parties involved in the process
- Customs tailored solutions for your business

SGS, YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER

SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programs worldwide and a global network with a dedicated software platform.

SGS offers exporters efficient and comprehensive tailored solutions to ensure goods conform to CAR's technical regulations and standards.



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