



SGS Cargo Tracking Note (CTN) service

Ensure smooth cargo clearance across
Africa's trade corridors

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As global trade expands, so do the complexities of cross-border compliance. Exporters shipping to Africa must meet country-specific documentation rules to avoid delays, penalties, and shipment rejections. We support businesses with Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) service, ensuring your cargo is compliant before it reaches the port.

WHAT IS AN ECTN ?

An ECTN (also known as CTN, BESC, BSC, BIETC, FERI, CNCA) is a mandatory document required by customs authorities in many African countries. It includes:

- Exporter and importer details
- Cargo description, value, and volume
- Shipping route and transport details
- Regulatory and compliance data

Without a valid ECTN, your shipment may be delayed, fined, or denied entry. Whether you're shipping containers, bulk cargo, or breakbulk; an ECTN is essential.

THE COST OF DELAY

Missing or incorrect ECTN? The consequences are severe:

- Customs penalties
- Shipment rejection
- Supply chain disruption

One mistake. Thousands in losses.

The solution?

You should be able to obtain the ECTN seamlessly.

THE PRE-SHIPMENT CHECKLIST

Ensure these four documents match perfectly before submission:

- Draft / Final Bill of Lading: Weights and volumes must align with the invoice.
- Commercial Invoice: Clearly itemize FoB, Freight, and Insurance breakdown.
- Packing List: Itemized details must match the physical container loading.
- Export Declaration: Verify that HS codes meet destination country standards.

We verify documentary consistency across your B/L, invoices, and packing lists to identify discrepancies before submission. This does not include physical inspection or validation of commercial transactions.

COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE ECTN:

- Angola (CNCA)
- Benin (BESC)
- Burkina Faso (ECTN)
- **Burundi (ECTN) & CoC**
- **Cameroon (BESC) & CoC**
- **Central African Republic (ECTN) & CoC**
- Chad (ECTN)
- **Côte d'Ivoire (BSC) & CoC**
- Democratic Republic of Congo (FERI)
- Djibouti (ECTN)
- Equatorial Guinea (ECTN)
- **Gabon (BIETC) & CoC**
- Gambia (ECTN)
- Ghana (ECTN)
- Guinea (Conakry) (ECTN)
- Guinea Bissau (CEE)
- Liberia (CTN)
- Libya (ECTN)
- Madagascar (BSC)
- Mali (BESC)
- Niger (ECTN)
- Republic of Congo (ECTN)
- Senegal (ECTN)
- Sierra Leone (CTN)
- Somalia (ECTN)
- Sudan (ACD)
- **South Sudan (ECTN) & CoC**
- Togo (ECTN)
- Yemen (ACD)

The Governments of Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Central African Republic, and South Sudan require both an ECTN and a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for regulated goods. We are authorised to issue both documents through a single, streamlined service, saving you time and ensuring full compliance.

WHY CHOOSE US?

With 75+ years of trust in India and 150+ years of global expertise, we offer more than just a document.

- Pay in Local Currency: Eliminate international wire fees by paying in INR directly to SGS India.
- One-Stop-Shop: Manage both ECTN and Certificate of Conformity (CoC) through a single partner.
- On-Ground Insight: Local teams in African ports provide real-time updates on regulation changes.



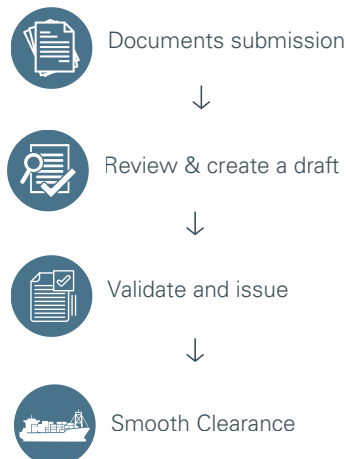
EXPERT PRO-TIP

Know your Congos:

The Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) requires an ECTN, whereas the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa) requires a FERI. Submitting the wrong one can lead to cargo rejection.

THE SGS ADVANTAGE: A 4-STEP SEAMLESS PATH

We provide an independent verification layer to catch errors before authorities do.



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