

**GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE**



**GULF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT OF  
WATER CONSUMPTION  
CONSERVATION PRODUCTS AS PER  
GSO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**



This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to the GSO Member States

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**1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (PCA) MANDATE**

PROGRAM NAME	Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label (Green label including with GCTS (Gulf Conformity Tracking System))
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	WER: 11 May 2023. For the full copy of the regulation <a href="#">Click here</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Requirement of GCTS is introduced on 11 May 2023 to be mandatory since 1 January 2024.</li> </ul>
PROGRAMME SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess the adequacy of designs of the regulated products and their compliance with the implemented GSO regulations.</li> <li>• Issuance of the Gulf Type Examination Certificate(s).</li> <li>• Issuance of Verification of Conformity Certificate(s).</li> <li>• Registering the products on Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label(Green label including with GCTS (Gulf Conformity Tracking System)).</li> </ul>
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs verification</li> <li>• Sample verification.</li> <li>• Laboratory testing</li> <li>• Documentary verification</li> </ul>
FORMS OF ATTESTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gulf Type Examination for complying WER.</li> <li>• Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label (Green label including with GCTS (Gulf Conformity Tracking System)) to be affixed on the product(s), their packages and/or instruction manuals (as per the regulation requirements).</li> </ul>

	
PURPOSE OF ATTESTATION	The Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label will be checked by clearance authorities and market surveillance to assess the compliance of the products

## 2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

INSPECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Applicable as of Regulations Provisions.</li> </ul>
TESTING	<p><b>Test reports:</b> only test reports from the following entities will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGS and/or Notified Body Laboratories.</li> <li>• A laboratory accredited by an accreditation body that has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreements of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)</li> <li>• In-house laboratory that is ISO17025 accredited lab and in accordance with Article 21 of the GSO regulations.</li> </ul>
STANDARDS	<p><b>Applicable standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSO approved standards can be found on: <a href="https://www.gso.org.sa/harmonized-standards/">https://www.gso.org.sa/harmonized-standards/</a></li> </ul>
CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE	<p><b>Documents required for CoC issuance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Request for Certification (RFC)</li> <li>• Declaration that the application is lodged to 1 Notified Body only.</li> <li>• List of Products</li> <li>• Art works and manuals.</li> <li>• Product images/labels/packaging photos</li> <li>• Technical Documents (as per the regulations)</li> <li>• Product Risk assessment &amp; BOM List</li> <li>• Test reports according to the approved GSO standards list.</li> <li>• Management Systems of the Manufacturing site (conforming with the relevant Gulf or ISO standards)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other documents:</b> when applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of accreditations from the laboratory where testing was performed.</li> <li>• Authorization letter for the Authorized Representative.</li> <li>• Commercial Record of both Applicant and Manufacturer (Brand Owner).</li> </ul>

<p>Markings and Language requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traceability information – the brand name, registered trade name or trademark, the country of origin, model or type reference.</li> <li>• Manufacturer (Brand Owner) full details with contact point (on the label).</li> <li>• Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label (Green label including with GCTS (G Mark with QR Barcode)) on the product, package, the manuals (optional).</li> <li>• The GCTS shall be provided after finalizing the process by GSO to the notified body.</li> <li>• Starting from January 2024 onwards, Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label (Green label including with GCTS (G Mark with QR Barcode)) should be placed on the product and its packages.</li> <li>• All Safety instructions and warnings should be (in Arabic mandatory and English is Optional).</li> </ul>
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### 3. Fees

- Fees are billed as per level of intervention of SGS in the conformity assessment procedure.
- The fees can cover:
  - ❖ The Documentary verification.
  - ❖ The Testing.
  - ❖ GSO registration fees (Water Conservation Consumption Efficiency Label)
  - ❖ Verification of design.
  - ❖ The Issuance of Gulf Type Examination.
  - ❖ The Application Review fees.

### 4. Regulated Products Annex (1):

<i>Category</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Products name</i>
1. Category (A)	Taps, Mixers, Sprayers and Shattaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Showerheads Or Telephonic Shower Mixers/Taps.</li> <li>• Water Taps or Wash Basin Mixer/Taps (Public)</li> <li>• Water Taps or Wash Basin Mixer/Taps (Private).</li> <li>• Ablution Taps/Mixers.</li> <li>• Sink Basin/bib taps or Kitchen taps/Mixers.</li> <li>• WC hose-tap or Shattaf Sprayer.</li> <li>• Bidet Taps/Mixers.</li> </ul>
2. Category (B)	Flush System Urinal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urinal Systems.</li> </ul>
3. Category (C)	Flow Regulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water flow rate regulators/aerators.</li> </ul>
4. Category (D)	Water closet tanks-Oriental Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water closet tanks-Oriental Types</li> </ul>
5. Category (E)	WC Toilets or Flush Tanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WC Toilets or Flush Tanks (Single and Dual Flushing).</li> </ul>

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