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## The Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVOC)

PROGRAMME IN UGANDA

WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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# THE PVOC PROGRAMME IN UGANDA

Effective June 1st 2019, SGS contract with Uganda National Bureau of Standards on PVOC program was renewed for the next 36 months.

Program requires that all products with compulsory Uganda standards being imported into Uganda are assessed and conform to the set standards.

A certificate of conformity is to be issued to demonstrate the compliance of the products to the applicable standards.

## BASIC FEATURES

- CoC is a mandatory customs clearance document for each consignment.
- UNBS does not recognize Certificates of Conformity (COCs) from the Bureau of Standards of any EAC partner state.
- Container sealing is mandatory for all Route A and D consignments.
- Goods exempt from the program are subject to UNBS destination inspection.
- Exporter is liable for any legal or economic consequences arising for goods shipped without a CoC.
- Responsibility of compliance lies with the supplier/exporter.

## PVOC PROCEDURE

To obtain a CoC the exporter/importer must:

- Fill new request for assessment on-line at the following address: <https://exporter-portal.sgs.com/> and attach proforma invoice.
- Submit signed, stamped and dated a Declaration of Conformity on company letter head for the products.
- Upload documents proving conformity, such as test reports, datasheets and quality management system certificates and if any, existing approvals, etc.
- SGS confirms the route (see below) and applicable standards.
- SGS shall coordinate product sampling & testing with an accredited or approved laboratory, if applicable.
- SGS will schedule physical inspection whenever applicable.

Please note inspection shall be conducted only after all the above requirements are met and payment of inspection fees full by the client.

## ROUTES OF VERIFICATION

### ROUTE A

For high risk products and supply chains.

### ROUTE B

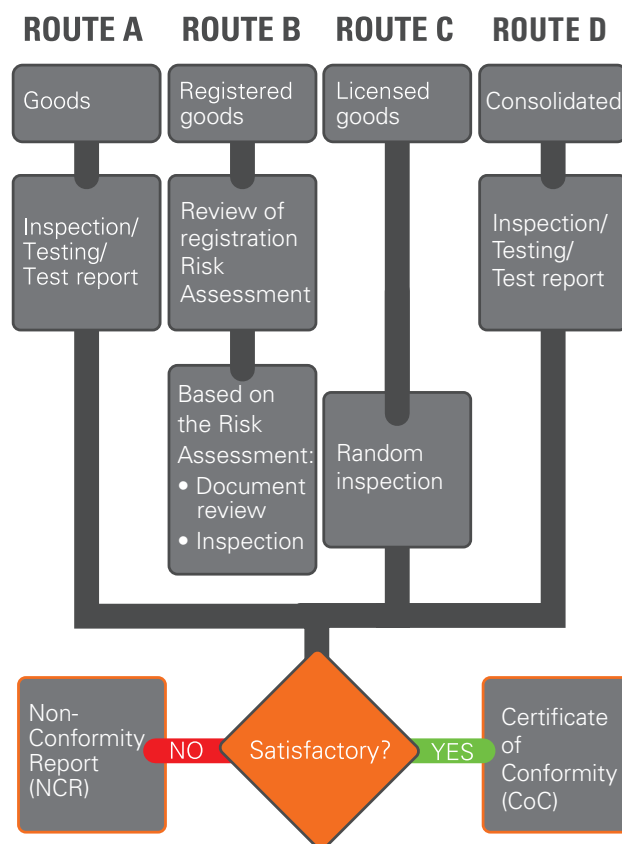
Suppliers declaration of compliance supported by evidence.

### ROUTE C

Licensed products, manufactures only.

### ROUTE D

Small traders who consolidate their cargo into a container.



## FEES STRUCTURE, USD

ROUTES	AD VALOREM, % FOB VALUE	MINIMUM FEE	MAXIMUM FEE
A	0.50%	235	3,000
B	0.45%		
C	0.25%		
D	0.50%		

## COVERAGE AND CONDITION

- The above fees cover documentary verification, physical inspection of goods and issuance of CoC.
- The above fees do not cover the following: laboratory testing, product registration/licensing, sealing of containers and re-inspection.
- The SGS fee shall be calculated based on the value of the invoice presented by the exporter or the importer.

## WHY SGS?

- SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company
- Contract Management Office in Uganda: with immediate access to information and key account management to offer tailor made solutions
- Vast experience in delivering conformity assessment Services with a dedicated team of professionals and a superior software platform, we ensure consistency and speed
- Exporter portal; A web-based application that allows clients to submit online requests for Certificates of conformity, a tracking service for file status and communication module. <https://exporter-portal.sgs.com>
- Public Tracking- Easy access to our system for checking file status of one's account(file) 24/7 using an internet enabled mobile phone, tablet or computer. <https://tradeworks.sgs.com/Tradeworks/public/tracking.do>

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