THE IMPORT PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT IN RWANDA

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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE
The Rwanda Bureau of Standards (RBS) implemented an Import Product Conformity Assessment Program on 08th May 2014. The program requires that all regulated products imported in Rwanda are assessed to ensure compliance with Rwanda Standards or approved International Standards. A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued as a proof of compliance of the products to applicable standards.

**THE OBJECTIVES**
- Prevent the importation of unsafe, sub-standard and/or counterfeit goods
- Protect consumers’ health & safety and the environment
- Safeguard local producers & Industry from unfair competition
- Reduce the risk that the domestic market becomes the dumping ground for nonconforming products
- Facilitate customs clearance process, Promotes the image of importing country
- Overcome the risk of rejection of the products in the country of destination

**IPCA PROCEDURE**
- Exporter needs to submit the Request of Certification (RFC) and proforma invoice together with quality documents such as test reports, product technical sheet, quality management system certificates, …
- SGS analyzes the documents and confirms the certification route (see below) and applicable standards

**ROUTES OF VERIFICATION**
- ROUTE A: applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers who do not have regular shipments and to sensitive products which require regular quality control with compliance to standards
- ROUTE B: applicable to registered suppliers/ manufacturers with regular and homogenous shipments/products registered (registration is renewable annually, subject to continual compliance)
- ROUTE C: applicable for manufacturer only (for certified products)

**APPROVED LABORATORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
- SGS laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025
- Third party ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory operating according to ISO/IEC 17011 as per the ILAC guidelines
- Any other laboratory complying with requirements set and approved by the principle.

**FEES STRUCTURE IN USD**

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The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspections. They do not include the following activities:
- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Container sealing
- Product Registration
  - 375 USD for first 15 Products/lines items
  - 20 USD for every additional product/line item above 15 first products/line items
- Manufacturers licensing
- Additional fees where goods or facilities are not ready or available at the time the supplier has advised and therefore an additional inspection visit is required

**SGS IS YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER**
SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programs worldwide and now in all EAC, global network, with dedicated software platform. SGS offers exporters efficient and comprehensive and tailored solutions to ensure goods conform Technical Regulations and Standards.

**WE OFFER**
- One stop shop for all certifications Worldwide;
- Key Account Management in one of the countries or/and in our Contract Management Office;
- Immediate access to information about your order/file
- Support in linking all the parties participating in the process
- Custom tailored solutions for your situations

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**SAFE? SUSTAINABLE?**

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**Diagram**

- Goods: Inspection, Testing / test report
- Registered goods: Review of registration, Risk Assessment, based on the risk Assessment
- Licensed goods: Random inspection

**Certificate**

- Non Conformity Report:
  - NO: Rejected
  - YES: Certificate