



Cameroon Pre-Shipment Evaluation of Conformity (PECAE) Program

Reliable Conformity Assessment Services for Smooth Access to Cameroon

To safeguard the end consumer and monitor the quality of imported products, the Pre-shipment Evaluation of Conformity (PECAE: Programme D'évaluation de la Conformité Avant Embarquement) program has been implemented by L'Agence des Normes et de la Qualité (ANOR) in Cameroon.

The program mandates that all imported regulated products adhere to national standards and technical regulations and be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for a smooth customs clearance process.

The objective of the PECAE scheme is to protect Cameroonian consumers and the environment from low-quality, hazardous, and counterfeit goods entering

Cameroon. Additionally, the program aims to promote fair business practices for local manufacturers and merchants. Within the PECAE framework, products designated for import are validated and tested in the exporting country, leading to the issuance of a Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

TÜV Rheinland has been appointed as an authorized third-party inspection body to oversee the conformity assessment process for regulated products under the PECAE program. This includes conducting tests, inspections, and issuing the Attestation of Conformity (AoC). This step enables ANOR to grant a Certificate of Conformity, ensuring a smooth path for imported goods to enter the Cameroonian market and have a seamless customs clearance process.

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About the Republic of Cameroon

Information taken from <https://data.un.org/>



Capital

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Population

27.2 million
(est. as of 2021)



GDP

38.8 billion
USD (est. as of 2019)



Import Value

7.45 billion USD
(est. as of 2020)



As a global trade gateway, TÜV Rheinland is authorized by ANOR to issue the Attestation of Conformity (AoC). The AoC facilitates obtaining the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) from ANOR.

Through our global network of experts and accredited laboratories, we carry out the conformity assessment process for regulated products to ensure compliance under ANOR’s Cameroon Pre-shipment Evaluation of Conformity (PECAE) Program.

The Program aim is:

- Protection of consumer health and safety against substandard and dangerous products.
- Environmental protection against dangerous and polluting products.
- Protection of national economic operators against unfair competition.
- Facilitation of access to international markets for local products.

REGULATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PECAE PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON

- All products are regulated and must obtain their AoC from TÜV Rheinland, except for the ones categorized as Exempted/Prohibited.

EXEMPTED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PECAE PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON

- Imported goods with an FOB value less than the equivalent of EURO 3,050.
Note: Partial or FCL (Full container load) shipments with values below EURO 3,050 must still undergo the PECAE Program conformity assessment process and obtain a CoC.
- List of products not requiring a Certificate of Conformity under the program:



Ammunition, firearms, and war instruments



Explosives and pyrotechnic articles



Live animals



Newspapers and periodicals



Personal and household effects



Postal parcels and commercial samples

GOODS AND ITEMS SPECIFIED IN THE EXEMPTIONS OF ACT NO. 2/92-UDEAC-556 CD-SE-1:



Donations and Supplies to:

- Diplomatic missions
- Consular missions
- UN-affiliated organizations imported for their own needs



Donations:

- Offered by foreign governments
- Offered by international organizations
- To the Cameroonian administration
- To recognized foundations
- To charitable works
- To humanitarian organizations



Precious stones and metals



Works of art

PORHIBITED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PECAE PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON



Cement and all other products found not complying with current regulations



Frozen chicken



Wheat flour

NATIONAL DEVIATIONS

Sensitive Products

The following High-Risk Products are identified by ANOR as sensitive products and shall undergo only Route A certification:

- Sugar
- Cereals and legumes such as rice, beans, maize, etc. and their flour
- Animal and sea products (fresh and frozen -not processed)
- Fresh Dairy Products (E.g. Fresh Milk, Yogurt etc.)
- Fresh horticultural products
- Edible oils (E.g. Olive Oil, Vegetable oil etc.)
- Cosmetics

Shelf life

All regulated products with limited shelf life shall have more than fifty percent (50%) shelf life from the date of expected arrival in Cameroon.



Plug type

Type C
Type E



Voltage

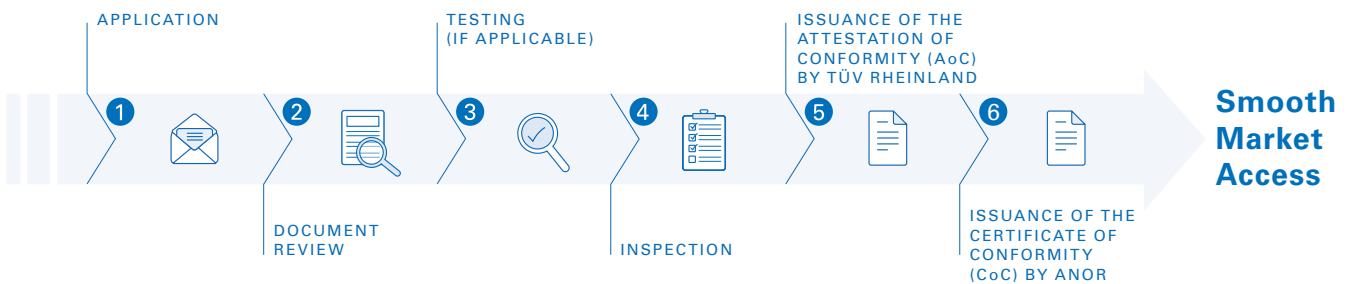
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Frequency

50 Hz or 60 Hz

PROCESS OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT UNDER THE PECAE SCHEME FOR CAMEROON



The PECAE AoC application can be initiated in Cameroon by the importer, who submits an Import Declaration and supporting documents to TÜV Rheinland. Alternatively, the process can also be started by the supplier in the exporting country by reaching out to the nearest TÜV Rheinland office.

Confirmation of the Import Declaration is pivotal for initiating the Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity (PVOC) process and for the issuance of the AoC.

Upon the issuance of the AoC, the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) will be granted by ANOR through GUCE. GUCE, or the Single Window for Foreign Trade (Guichet Unique des Opérations du Commerce Extérieur), is a platform established by the State of Cameroon.

This platform enables stakeholders in trade and transport to engage with a single entry point, simplifying compliance with all import, export, and transit-related regulatory requirements, as per the guidelines for single window implementation in Africa (AAEC 2013).

The following documents are to be submitted by the applicant to initiate the certification process:

- TÜV Rheinland application form (signed and duly filled)
- Test report (for applicable products)
- Pro-forma invoice
- Packing list

FEE STRUCTURE

ANOR mandates the following fee structure which covers the document review, consignment inspection, and AoC issuance:

Route	Ad Valorem Fee (as a percentage of declared FOB value)	Minimum Fees in EURO	Maximum Fees in EURO
A	0.45	300	7,000
B	0.40	300	7,000
C	0.27	300	7,000

Product registration fees:

Product(s) / Line(s)	Registration fees in EURO
First 15 products	375
Each additional product (above 15)	20 (per product/line)

Note: The fees and the threshold may change slightly over time due to variations in the exchange rate.

The fee does not include:

- Taxes
- Testing fees
- Loading supervision and container sealing costs
- Additional inspection visit fees (exporter can be charged in case the goods or facilities are not readily available at the advised time)

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