



Republic of the Congo Congolese Conformity Assessment Program (PCEC)

Supporting Reliable Trade and Regulatory Compliance for Exports to the Republic of the Congo

As international trade continues to expand, ensuring that imported products meet national quality and safety requirements has become essential for protecting consumers and strengthening market confidence. To support these objectives, the Congolese Agency for Standardization and Quality (ACONOQ) administers, since 2022, the Congolese Conformity Assessment Program (PCEC), a mandatory conformity assessment scheme for regulated products entering the Republic of the Congo.

Under the PCEC program, regulated products are evaluated before shipment to verify compliance with the applicable Congolese technical regulations and standards. Upon successful completion of the assessment, exporters are issued a Certificate of Conformity (CoC), an important document that demonstrates compliance and supports the customs clearance process upon arrival.

Beyond meeting regulatory obligations, the PCEC program helps businesses build confidence in their exports by reducing the likelihood of border inspections, shipment disruptions, and non-compliance issues. It also contributes to a fair-trading environment by ensuring that products placed on the Congolese market satisfy the country's established quality and safety expectations.

As an approved conformity assessment body under the ACONOQ PCEC program, TÜV Rheinland assists manufacturers, exporters, and trading companies throughout every stage of the certification procedure. From technical document review and product testing to inspection and Certificate of Conformity issuance, our experienced global network delivers reliable, efficient, and transparent services designed to simplify market access to the Republic of the Congo.

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About Republic of the Congo

Information is taken from <http://data.un.org>



Capital

Brazzaville



Population

6.48 million

(est. as of 2025)



GDP

14.16 million

(est. as of 2023)



Import Value

4.8\$ billion USD

(est. as of 2024)



Exporting to the Republic of the Congo requires more than quality products. It requires demonstrated compliance with the country's regulatory framework. As an approved conformity assessment body for the PCEC program, TÜV Rheinland delivers end-to-end conformity assessment services, from product evaluation and testing to pre-shipment inspection and Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issuance. Combining global expertise with local regulatory knowledge, we help manufacturers and exporters simplify compliance, facilitate customs clearance, and enter the Congolese market with greater speed, confidence, and reliability.

PROGRAM AIMS

- Promote transparent and fair trade practices.
- Facilitate smooth and efficient international trade.
- Prevent the importation of products that do not comply with national technical standards and regulatory specifications.
- Gradually eliminate fraudulent practices in import operations.
- Safeguard consumer health and safety.
- Protect the environment.
- Strengthen and protect the national economy.

REGULATED PRODUCT SCOPES UNDER THE CONGOLESE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PCEC)

All products entering Congo require a Certificate of Conformity. Exceptions apply. Below list of product categories provides guidance although the list is non-exhaustive.



Food



Textiles & clothing



Household appliances & kitchen



Electrical & electronic equipment



Construction & building materials



Automotive & Transport Equipment



Chemicals & petrochemicals



Medical & healthcare



Plastics & rubber



Packaging & containers



Paper & board



Furniture & bedding



Cosmetics & personal care



Agriculture & irrigation / food processing



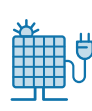
Safety & personal protective equipment (PPE)



Valves & pumps



Measurement & instruments



Energy & power (including solar, batteries)



Telecom & IT



Timber & wood products



Metals & metal products



Toys & leisure



Second hand goods

EXEMPTED, PROHIBITED PRODUCTS UNDER THE CONGOLESE PCEC PROGRAM

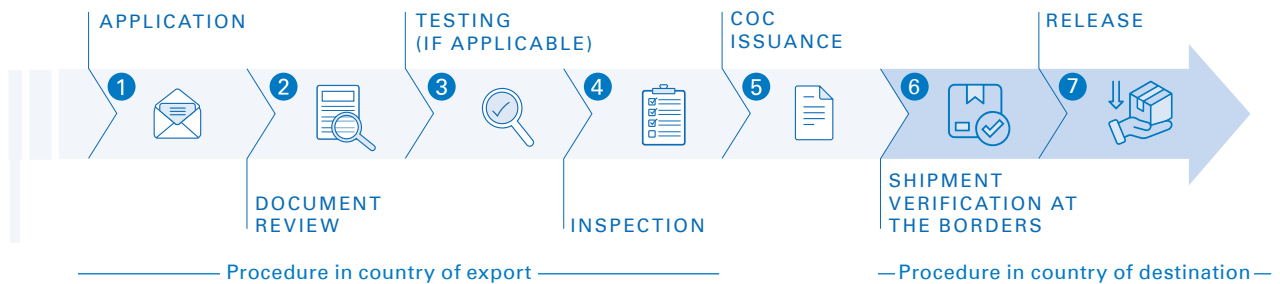


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PROCESS OF CONGOLESE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PCEC)



DOCUMENTS

- Application form
- Commercial shipment invoice (pro-forma is accepted to initiate the process)
- Packing list, optional
- Test reports
- Import License*

***NOTE:** In the Republic of the Congo, the Import License and the Import Declaration Form (IDF) refer to the same document within the framework of the PCEC program.

CERTIFICATION ROUTES UNDER THE CONGOLESE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PCEC)

Depending on the exporter's profile, shipment type, and product compliance history, the PVoC program offers three routes for certification:

- **Route A:** Consignment Inspection and Testing
Open to all trade parties and product types. Requires inspection and testing of each consignment prior to shipment.
Required documents: 1. Application form. 2. Commercial / Shipment Invoice. 3. Safety Test Report(s). 4. Packing list (Optional). 5. Import License.
- **Route B:** Registration
Designed for frequent exporters of products with consistent compliance history. Products are registered for one year allowing reduced inspection frequency and a faster certification process for subsequent shipments.
Required documents for a registration application: 1. Registration application form, including the list of products intended to be registered. 2. Safety Test Report. 3. Product labels of the to-be-registered products. 4. Packing List (Optional)
Validity: One year
- **Route C:** Licensing
Intended for manufacturers with a robust Quality Management System. Products are licensed for one year, allowing streamlined shipment certification.
Required documents: 1. Licensing application form, including the list of products intended to be licensed. 2. Safety Test Reports. 3. Product labels of the to be licensed products. 4. Quality Management System Certification
Validity: One year

NATIONAL DEVIATIONS


Rated voltage

220V
(230 V also accepted)


Rated frequency

50 Hz


Label

French


Plug Type

French type: (EN 50075, NFC -61 314, NFC 315-61, Type E (CEE))


Cosmetics

Products containing hydroquinone will not be accepted

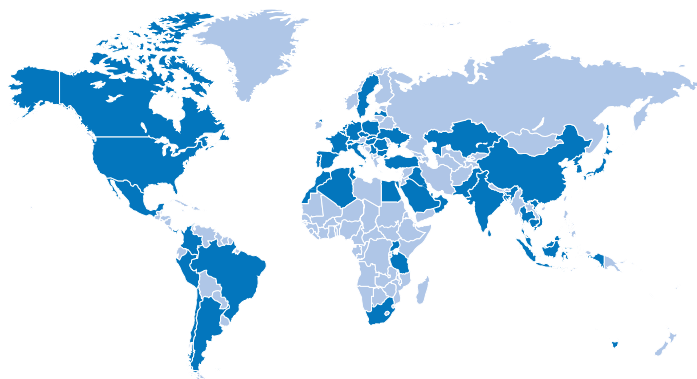
FEE STRUCTURE

Route	Ad valorem fee based on a percentage of the declared FOB value	Minimum fee in euros	Maximum fee in euros
A	0.53%	300	7,000
B	0.45%	300	7,000
C	0.27%	220	7,000

The fees specified above cover document verification, physical inspection and sampling including sealing of the containers where applicable.

The fee does not include:

- Laboratory testing
- Manufacturer licensing
- Registration fees
- Sampling of Bulk shipments
- Re-inspection fees
- Container loading supervision
- Sealing



About TÜV Rheinland

More than 150 years of quality and safety: TÜV Rheinland's mission has been to make technology safe for people and the environment. From the steam engine to digitalization, what started as a regional association for the monitoring of steam boilers has evolved into a global testing service provider.

Today, TÜV Rheinland ensures safety and quality in almost all areas of business and life. This shared commitment unites more than 20,000 employees. TÜV Rheinland's experts test technical systems and products around the globe, support innovations in technology and business, train people in numerous professions, and certify management systems according to international standards. By ensuring safety and sustainability, TÜV Rheinland is also shaping the future. Since 2006, TÜV Rheinland has therefore been a member of the United Nations Global Compact for more sustainability and against corruption.

About TÜV Rheinland Government Inspections and International Trade Services

TÜV Rheinland is a trusted Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) for many governments and authorities around the world, assuring that goods fulfill national and international standards. TÜV Rheinland has more than 150 years of expertise and a global network of professionals and laboratories. As a conformity assessment organization, our goal is to help businesses, exporters, importers, and manufacturers gain speedy access to the country of destination and a seamless customs clearance process. International trade is a mainstay for most companies in today's economy. This involves in many occasions long distance agreements. Those may raise possible

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The internationalization of TÜV Rheinland began in 1970. Today, we have operations in some 60 countries on all continents.

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group-network laboratories all over the world work on our clients' behalf to inspect the safety, quality, functionality and ergonomics of products from a very wide range of sectors.

The testing of products, for example: 80 percent of the business is done outside Germany because the tests logically take place where products are manufactured. Worldwide, TÜV Rheinland has roughly 780 of what are known as accreditations—an official recognition permitting the performance of tests—from national authorities.

1872

was the birth year for the "Verein zur Überwachung der Dampfkessel in den Kreisen Elberfeld und Barmen" ("Association for Monitoring

Steam Boilers in the Districts of Elberfeld and Barmen") from which TÜV Rheinland would later emerge.



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uncertainties when business agreements are being concluded. Therefore, traders (buyers, sellers, manufacturers) often demand for a third party inspection in terms of quantity, quality, condition or price to mitigate possible risks or non-fulfillment of contractual agreements.

Our Customized Commercial Inspections services can be conducted in connection with a Letter of Credit (LOC) or be based on industry / bespoke requirements to bring about the certainty, a buyer or seller may need.



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