



# Ethiopia Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) Program

## Reliable Conformity Assessment Services for Smooth Access to Ethiopia

To protect consumers and uphold product quality, the Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) program has been introduced by the Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise (ECAE) under the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration (MOTRI) in 2013, following several program expansions.

The PVoC requires that all regulated imported goods meet Ethiopia's national standards and technical regulations and be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) to ensure a smooth customs clearance process.

The purpose of the PVoC scheme is to safeguard Ethiopian consumers and the environment from unsafe,

counterfeit, or low-quality goods. In addition, the program promotes fair trade practices by ensuring that only compliant products are allowed into the market.

Under the PVoC framework, designated products are inspected and tested in the country of export before shipment, leading to the issuance of the CoC. TÜV Rheinland serves as an authorized third-party inspection body for the PVoC program, conducting product testing and inspections, and issuing the Certificate of Conformity directly. This ensures importers have a clear and compliant pathway for goods to enter Ethiopia without delays at customs.

# About Ethiopia

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



**Capital**  
Addis Ababa



**Population**  
132.060 million  
(est. as of 2024)



**GDP**  
118.972 billion  
USD (est. as of 2022)



**Import Value**  
16.538\$ billion USD  
(est. as of 2022)



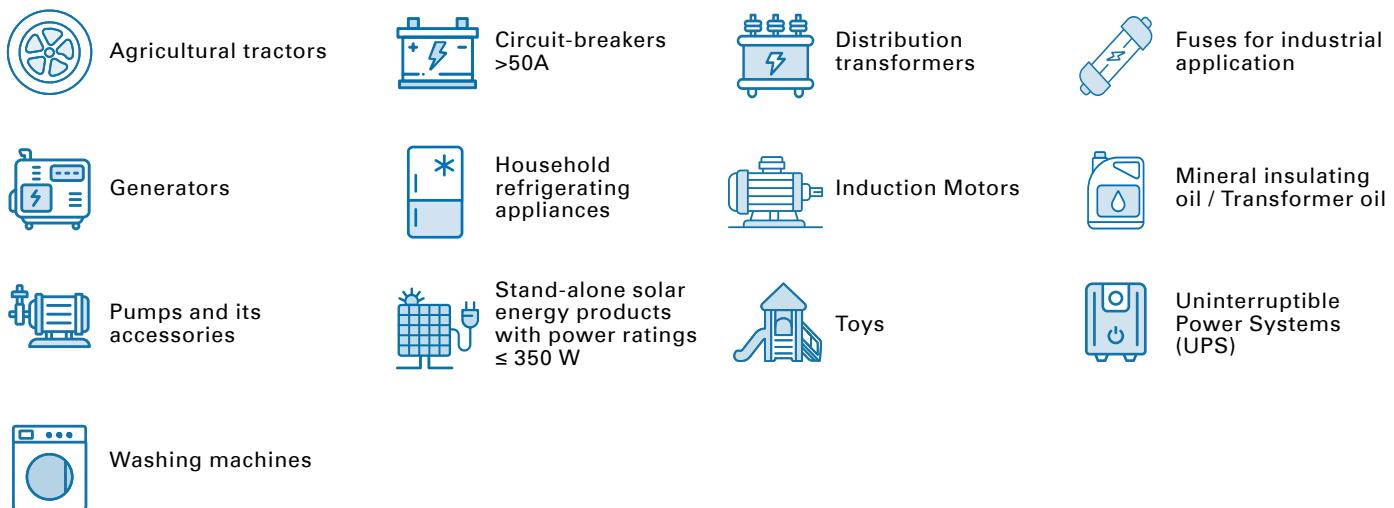
As a trusted global trade partner, TÜV Rheinland is authorized to issue the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) under Ethiopia's Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) program. The CoC is mandatory for the import of regulated goods and is required for smooth customs clearance by the Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise (ECAE). Through our global network of experts and accredited laboratories, we perform the required inspection, testing, and certification to ensure your products meet Ethiopian standards before shipment—helping you avoid delays, protect your reputation, and maintain compliance with national regulations.

#### PROGRAM AIMS

- Protect consumers from unsafe and/or substandard products
- Facilitate market access by streamlining the compliance process for exporters and importers

#### REGULATED PRODUCT SCOPES UNDER THE ETHIOPIA PVOC PROGRAM

All products listed below are regulated and must obtain an AoC from TÜV Rheinland prior to shipment to Ethiopia:



#### PROCESS OF PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVOC)



#### DOCUMENTS

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

## CERTIFICATION ROUTES UNDER THE ETHIOPIA PVOC

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 exporters and product types. Requires inspection and testing of each consignment prior to shipment.
- **Route B:** Registration and Certification of Registered Products  
Designed for homogeneous products with consistent compliance history.
- **Route C:** Licensing and Certification of Licensed Consignments  
Intended for manufacturers with a robust Quality Management System. Products are licensed for one year, allowing streamlined shipment certification.

## NATIONAL DEVIATIONS



**Rated voltage**  
220 V single phase, 380V three-phase



**Rated frequency**  
50 Hz



**Label**  
English language labeling is acceptable and widely used.



**Plug Type**  
Type C, F, L

## FEE STRUCTURE

### Verification fee for zone 1

Route	A% Of the declared FOB value
A	0.60%
B	0.40%
C	0.30%

Minimum Fees in USD	Maximum Fees in USD
250	2,500
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250	2,500

### Verification fee for zone 2,3 and 4

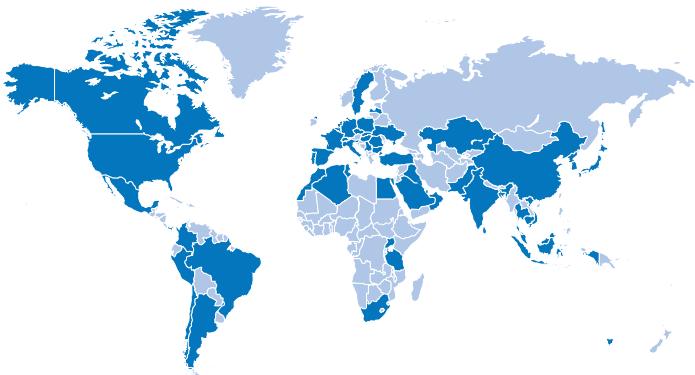
Route	A% Of the declared FOB value
A	0.75%
B	0.60%
C	0.40%

Minimum Fees in USD	Maximum Fees in USD
265	2,700
265	2,700
265	2,700

The COC is mandatory for goods whose FOB value is equal or over 3,000 Euro.

The fee does not include:

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



## 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

### Rooted in Germany – and at home all over the world:

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.



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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