



Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) for Tanzania

Smooth and reliable customs clearance process with our PVoC services

In order to protect the consumers in Tanzania from substandard products and to ensure safe and quality products enter the Tanzanian market, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) governs the Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity (PVoC) program. It is provided for by Section 4(1)(s) of the Standards Act No. 2 of 2009.

The PVoC program requires that regulated product imports are verified for compliance in the country of export before entering the Tanzanian market. A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued by TÜV Rheinland if the products are confirmed as compliant. The CoC is used at Tanzania customs points to clear shipments.

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About the United Republic of Tanzania

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



Capital

Dodoma



Population

61.5 million
(est. as of 2020)



GDP

60 billion USD
(est. as of 2020)













Import Value

10.2 billion USD
(est. as of 2020)









As a gateway for global trade, TÜV Rheinland is authorized by TBS to issue the mandatory Certificate of Conformity (CoC). As an authorized body under this program, TÜV Rheinland can provide inspection services and issue a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for mandatory customs clearance for consignments exported to the country. The CoC verifies that goods imported into Tanzania conform to applicable national and international standards, as defined by the TBS list of regulated products.

REGULATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PVOC FOR TANZANIA

 Automotive	 Chemical products	 Electrical and electronics	 Food and food products
 Furniture (wood and metal articles)	 Mechanical material and gas appliances	 Paper and stationery	 Safety (Personal Protective Equipment)
 Toys and sports	 Used products		

PROHIBITED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PVOC FOR TANZANIA













 Cement clinker	 Cosmetic product ingredients: Pyrithione zinc, Butylphenyl methyl propional, Sodium	 Counterfeits	 Meat products originating from South Africa
 Plastic carrier bags	 Used/Retreated tyres		

GOODS FOR WHICH IMPORTATION IS PROHIBITED UNDER REV. 2017 EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT 135 ACT:

 All soaps and cosmetic products containing mercury	 Articles made without authority of Armorial Ensigns or Coat of Arms of a partner state	 Distilled beverages containing essential oils or chemical products	 Specific agricultural and industrial chemicals
 False money and counterfeit currency	 Hazardous wastes and their disposal	 Matches manufactured by employing white phosphorous	 Narcotic drugs under international control
 Pornographic materials	 Previously used underwear garments		

EXEMPTED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PVOC FOR TANZANIA

Products listed below qualify for exemption, if successfully applied for with TBS. If no exemption letter is provided, the goods are subject to CoC.

 Capital goods	 Certified products (e.g. TBS mark)	 Diplomatic goods	 Donated goods
 Goods for mining and exploration activities	 Goods for government projects	 Goods of small value (below 5,000 USD)	 Material for value addition under EPZA
 Raw materials, machinery, and spare parts for industrial use	 Raw materials and packaging materials (TMDA MoU)	 Temporary imported goods (goods aimed for re-exportation)	 Used personal goods and belongings





Through our network of experts, we provide exporters with the individual support they need to enter the Tanzanian market. Paths to successful certification often depend on customer types and products exported, and have been established by TBS, as follows:

CERTIFICATION ROUTES

Route	Exporter Type	Route Requirements	Route Requirements
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traders Manufacturers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form Test report review or laboratory testing Consignment inspection Container sealing Final shipping invoice 	N/A
B (NOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traders that ship homogenous products frequently Manufacturers that ship homogenous products frequently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verification of NOR Consignment inspection (where applicable) Random testing of identified samples (twice per year) Final shipping invoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration application form Test reports Quality management documents (e.g. ISO 9001, Quality Manual, product certification, etc.) <p>Output: Notification of Registration (NOR)</p>
C (NOL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturers that ship homogenous products frequently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verification of NOL Consignment inspection (where applicable) Random testing of identified samples (twice per year) Final shipping invoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License application form Test reports Quality management documents (e.g. ISO 9001, Quality Manual, product certification, etc.) Factory audit <p>Output: Notification of License (NOL)</p>

Our experts support and guide you through the certification process with the aim to issue a CoC expeditiously.

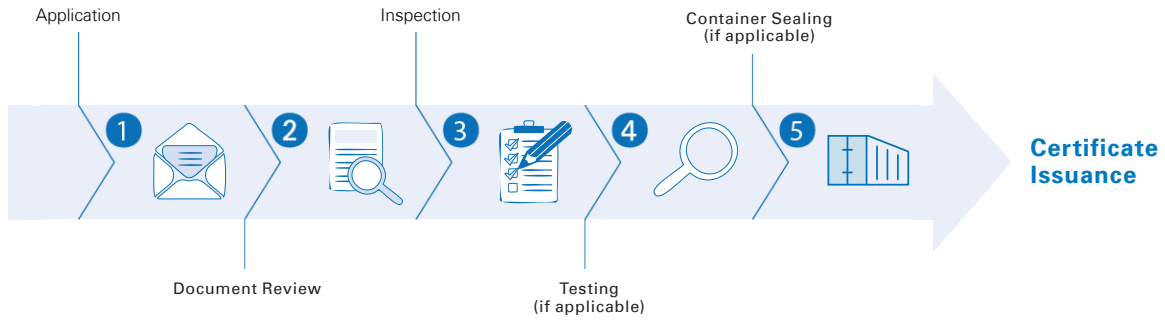
NATIONAL DEVIATIONS

 Plug Type Plug type G: 3-square pin (UK plug) An adaptor is acceptable in case the original plug type is different	 Voltage 220V/230V/240V OR Range indicating the above	 Frequency 50 Hz (not applicable for lamps)	 Language English and/or Swahili
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SHELF LIFE THRESHOLDS

75% of shelf life shall be remaining from the date of expected arrival in Tanzania.

PROCESS OF PRE-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVOC)



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

TBS mandates the following fee structure which covers the document review, consignment inspection, and CoC issuance:

Route	Ad Valorem Fee (as percentage of declared FOB value)	Minimum Fees in USD	Maximum Fees in USD
A	0.50	250	5,000
B	0.45	250	5,000
C	0.25	250	5,000

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)



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