



# Pre-Export Verification of Conformity for Uganda

Activate your business with our smooth and reliable PVoC services

In order to protect the consumers in Uganda from substandard products and to assure safe and quality approved products entering the Ugandan market, the Uganda National Bureau of Standards has implemented under UNBS Act of 1983 mandatory requirements for product imports under the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards Programme (PVoC).

The PVoC program requires that regulated product imports are verified for compliance in the country of export and before entering the Ugandan market.

A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued by TÜV Rheinland if the products are confirmed as compliant. The CoC is used at Uganda customs points to clear the shipment.

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# About Uganda

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



**Capital:**  
Kampala



**Population:**  
47,124 million  
(as of 2021, est.)



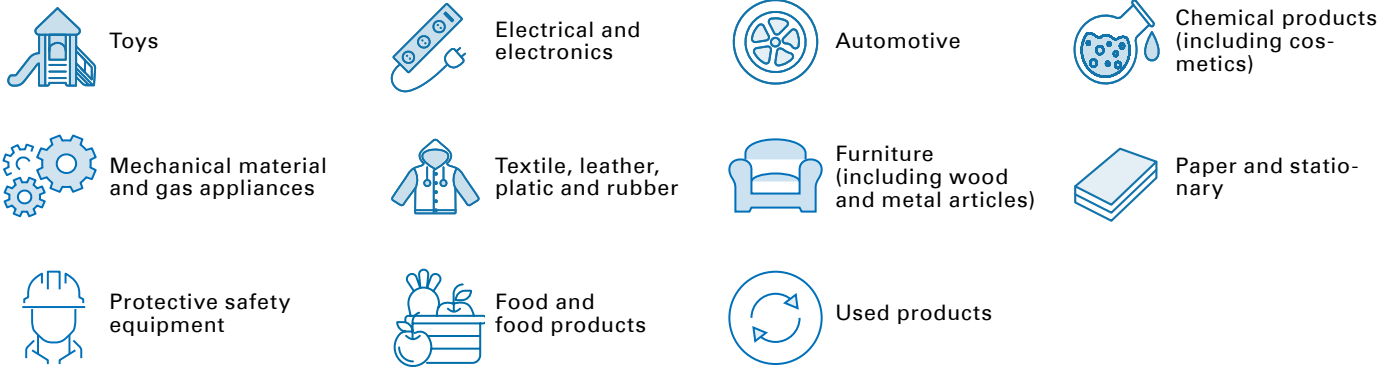
**GDP:**  
32,609 billion USD  
(as of 2019)



**Import Value:**  
8,251 billion USD  
(as of 2020)



**REGULATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE PVOC FOR UGANDA:**

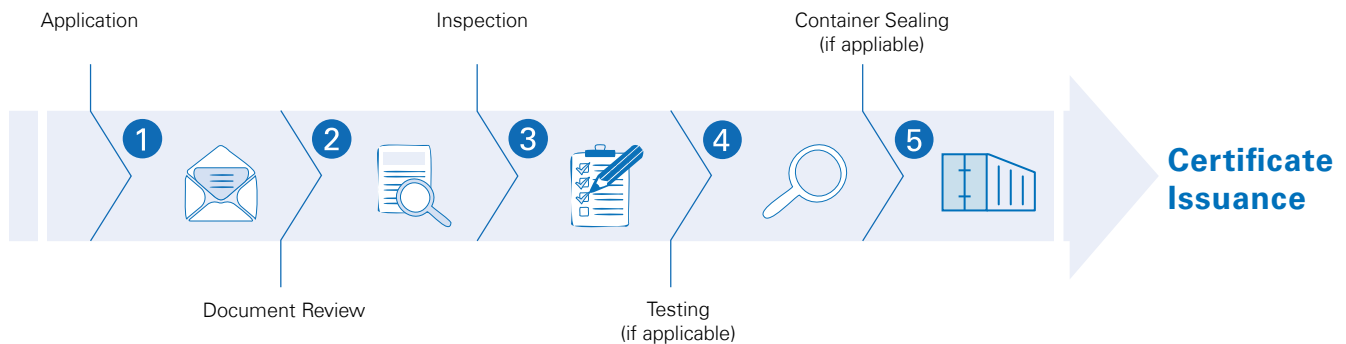


TÜV Rheinland is authorized by UNBS to issue the mandatory Certificate of Conformity (CoC). Our experts conduct conformity assessments on regulated products and make sure that those products are compliant to UNBS regulations. As a result a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued for compliant products. A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) provides you:

- Access to the Ugandan market
- Fast customs clearance at Uganda customs points

We provide exporters the individual support they need to enter the Uganda market. Paths to successful certification often depend on customer types as well as on products. Therefore, specific routes to certification have been established.

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



**CERTIFICATION ROUTES**

Route	Customer type	Route requirements	Details and benefits
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Traders / Exporters</li> <li>▪ Manufacturers</li> </ul>	Test report review, inspection and container sealing	Under Route A, every shipment requires an inspection and container sealing
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Traders that ship frequently</li> <li>▪ Manufacturers</li> </ul>	Test reports of concerned products	Under Route B, <b>reduced</b> inspections -> every three months for registered goods
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Manufacturers</li> <li>▪ Authorized distributors</li> </ul>	Factory audit, test reports of concerned products	Under Route C, <b>reduced</b> inspections -> every six months for licensed goods
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consolidators</li> </ul>	Test report review, inspection and container sealing	Under Route D, every shipment requires an inspection and container sealing

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

## NATIONAL DEVIATIONS



**Plug Type**  
Type G



**Voltage**  
240V



**Frequency**  
50Hz



**Language**  
Labels/Markings:  
At least English

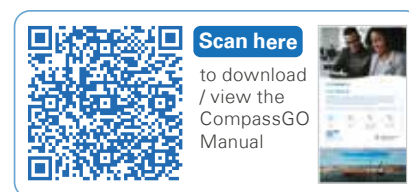
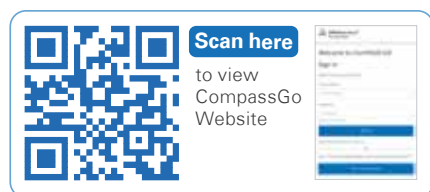
### Kindly note:

- Threshold of shelf life for **non-food items**: 50% from the expiration date
- Threshold of shelf life for **food items**: 75% from the expiration date for food products with shelf life of more than 18 months - at least 12 months of shelf life remaining (until expiration date) at the time of arrival at Uganda customs / entry point.

### INITIAL STEPS TO TAKE:

- UNBS demands for all CoC requests to be submitted via the Uganda Electronic Single Window (UESW)  
Applicable countries: China, India and UAE
- You can sign up to this portal by following this link: [Uganda Electronic Single Window - UeSW](#)
- The CoC request will then be submitted to TÜV Rheinland upon selecting "**TUV Rheinland**" in the service provider section

All other CoC requests may be submitted via CompassGO - TÜV Rheinland's online platform to request, manage and receive Certificates of Conformity: [compass.go.tuv.com](http://compass.go.tuv.com)



### IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE PROCESS, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT:

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

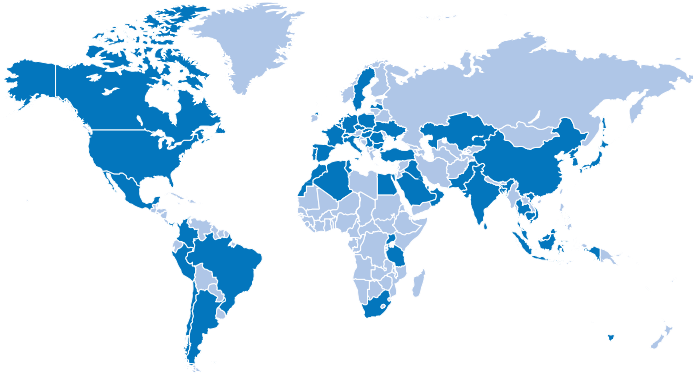
### THE UNBS HAS MANDATED THE FOLLOWING FEE STRUCTURE WHICH COVERS THE DOCUMENT REVIEW AND COMMON INSPECTION ACTIVITIES:

Route	Ad Valorem fee as a percentage of the declared FOB value	Minimum Fees USD (Excluding Taxes)	Maximum Fees USD (Excluding Taxes)
A	0.50%	235	3,000
B	0.45%	235	3,000
C	0.25%	235	3,000
D	0.50%	235	3,000

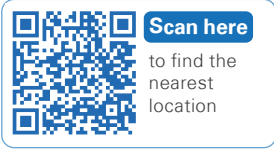
Shipments of a value below USD 2,000 are not subject to PVoC.

### THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Testing fees
- Loading supervision and container sealing costs
- Registration and licensing costs
- A surcharge may apply where goods or facilities are not available at the agreed time, where consequently an additional inspection visit is required



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**About TÜV Rheinland**



For 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 over 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

**238** 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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