



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:



Toys



Electrical and electronics



Automotive



Chemical products (including cosmetics)



Mechanical material and gas appliances



Textile, leather, plastic and rubber



Furniture (including wood and metal articles)



Paper and stationary



Protective safety equipment



Food and food products



Used products

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
- Piece of mind that products are compliant
- Confidence that no penalties have to be paid due to non-compliant products

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.

CERTIFICATION ROUTES

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

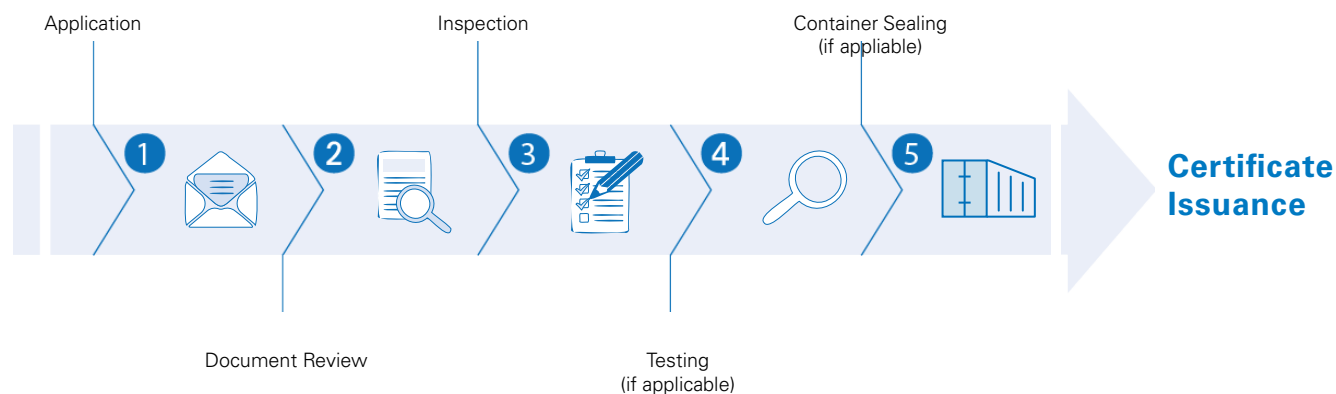
Kindly note:

- 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

INITIAL STEPS TO TAKE:

- UNBS demands for all CoC requests to be submitted via the Uganda Electronic Single Window (UESW)
- 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 "**TÜV Rheinland**" in the service provider section

PROCESS OF PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVOC)



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.

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