1. Purpose

Country: Republic of Iraq
Certificate: Pre-Import Inspection, Testing & Certification Program of Goods into the Republic of Iraq (ICIGI)
Parties: Manufacturer/ Exporter

This document describes the procedure for preparation, submittal, evaluation, and issuance of Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for a shipment of products as defined in the scope for the certification program, based on safety test reports, analysis, data sheet, MSDS including Iraq national deviations.

1. New Regulations:

The ICIGI (Pre-Import Inspection, Testing & Certification Program of Goods into the Republic of Iraq) program is managed by COSQC (Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control). The program includes 2 subjects:

1) Product Conformity (VoC) regarding conformity of goods with standards and specific requirements and issuance of Certificate of Conformity (upon satisfactory VoC process). Inspection at borders to authenticate the CoC, check shipment integrity and issue a release note (upon satisfactory completion).

2) The Pre-Importation Inspection, Testing, and Certification of Goods going into Iraq is embodied in accordance with the Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC) law No. 54 of 1979 (article 3/Clauses 8). COSQC has put in place a Pre-Import Inspection, Testing and Certification Scheme. The scheme requires all imported products whose standard specifications were declared compulsory under the provisions of COSQC to be inspected for conformity to the relevant Iraqi Standard by COSQC before release onto the Iraqi market.

In October 2012 TUV Rheinland has signed a (3) years contract with COSQC to start on 01 Jan 2013 for the provision of Conformity Assessment services under the Iraqi Pre-Importation Inspection, Testing, and Certification of Goods (ICIGI) program. TUV Rheinland is authorized to issue Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for regulated goods subject to the ICIGI Programme. Aside from TUV Rheinland, Bureau Veritas and Baltic Control are also authorized to provide Conformity Assessment services.

2. Application

2.1 Scope (List of Regulated Products):

TOYS: Children toys - Wax crayons - Water colors - Modeling clay
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS: Electrical and electronic household appliances - Electrical installation accessories for household purposes (switches, plugs, socket-outlets, adaptor, cord extension set) - Batteries (lead-acid Batteries, dry primary batteries) - Lamps for household purposes (fluorescent lamps, tungsten lamps, energy saving lamps) - Power electric cables (pvc insulated) - Household Luminaires and their components (starter, ballast) - Heating elements and thermostat for household electric storage water heaters. Telephone cables -
Evaporative air coolers and their electrical components (motor, water pump)

**VEHICLES TIRES AND PARTS:** Safety glasses for vehicles - Tires and tubes for different cars, trucks, trailers, buses, bicycles, motorcycles - Vehicles and spare parts

**CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS:** Cement - Galvanized plates - Aluminum alloys –bars, extruded round tubes and sections for general engineering purposes - Carbon steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete - Structural steel - Welded fabric steel for the reinforcement of concrete - Galvanized Carbon steel and ductile iron pipes and their fittings - Clay building bricks - Water taps and valves (Draw-off taps and stop valves for water services, and mixing valves) - Plastic pipes, fittings, accessories and joints

**FOOD PRODUCTS:** Dairy and dairy products - Fat and oil - Meats/fish/poultry and their products - Beverage, juice, honey, jams and marmalades - Food additives - Canned food product - Dry food products - Water bottled - All other food products (except fresh vegetables and fruits) - Cigarettes, cigars, meassel

**COSMETICS, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND CLEANING AGENTS:** Cosmetics (all kinds) - Toothpaste, tooth powder; shaving cream and foam - Household Detergent powder (High foam, for automatic machine) - Household liquid detergent and cleaning pastes - Toilet soap, baby soap, and liquid soap - Air freshener (all kinds) - Baby diapers and elderly diapers - Sanitary napkin - Facial tissues (all kinds including kitchen towels, wet and odorized tissues and toilet tissues) - Toothbrushes - Cloth softener - Cleaners for carpet, floor, oven, glass - Cleaning compound for toilet bowels solid and liquid - Sodium hypochlorite solution - Calcium hypochlorite and chlorinated lime - Razor blades and disposable shaving systems - Pipeline cleaning compound - Alkaline

**HOUSEHOLD HARDWARE:** Safety matches - Plastic and rubber erasers - Pencils - Wooden color pencils - Pencils sharpener - Hoses

**KITCHENWARE:** Paper plates and cups and paper drinking straw - Disposable plastic cups, plates and containers - Plastic drinking straws - Plastic table utensils and cutlery - Aluminum table cutlery - Stainless steel and silver plated table cutlery - Aluminum foils catering containers - Aluminum foil and flexible laminated for wrapping food products and pharmaceutical - Metal containers for food - Metallic cookware, kettles, teapots, and serving utensils (coated and non coated) - Porcelain tableware - Plastic containers for food material

**CHEMICALS:** Oil paints (all kinds) - Automobile paint/putty/polish/clear - Paint thinner - Interior Epoxy paint for drink water trucks - Emulsion paint (acrylic and P.V.A), plastic paint

**TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR:** Shoes and slippers - Socks - Underwear - Bed sheet (blankets, comforters, sheets) - Wicks

**HOUSEHOLD BURNING FUEL APPLIANCES:** Domestic LPG cooking appliances and water heaters - Paraffin space heating and cooking appliances and water heaters for domestic use

**OTHERS:** All kinds of metallic cans and metallic covers

**Examples of the exempted consignments:**
- Medical products are exempted.
- IT, Telecommunication Products
2.2 Type of approval
Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for shipment. One CoC can cover several items included in the shipment. Each shipment (shipment invoice) requires a separate CoC.

3. Additional Instructions and References

3.1 Why our customers need this mark
- Current regulations in the Republic of Iraq for all imported products should comply with COSQC standards and regulatory framework. A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is accepted as a proof of compliance and for release of the shipments of imported products.
- If a shipment arrives to any Iraqi port without a CoC:
  - the Consignment will be returned back nearest country and Inspection is performed and samples are drawn for testing in this case the normal COC Request procedure is applied.
  - If the products do not comply, the shipment will be rejected.

3.2 Technical country information
Rated voltage in the country is 220-240 V / 50 Hz. No Special Requirement for Plugs. The Plug will be tested along with the equipment.

- Electrical ratings on the products intended to be operated from AC mains supply should include AC 220/230/240V / 50 Hz.
- Local climate conditions – Equipment used outdoors shall be tested according to tropical climate conditions (45°C) and high humidity.
- Arabic marking requirements – For most of the electrical products, rating marking in Arabic or English is required. For some products (e.g. cosmetics) marking in Arabic or both Arabic and English languages is required.
- Additional marking information – Some of the Products is required to have the year of manufacture and country of origin marked either on the product, packaging or in the documentation.
- Instruction manual – Required in Arabic for consumer end products (not applicable to professional / industrial use products).
- Religious requirements – Any pictures, text or objects that are offensive to the Islamic religion should not be used.
- Food Products should carry all informations regarding, Brand name/Designation, Ingredients and warnings in Arabic

3.3 Standards - Accreditation
Products need to comply with COSQC standards or equivalent international (IQS / IEC / EN / ISO) standards. COSQC has adopted a number of international / IEC standards and many new standards are being studied as drafts for adoption from IEC standards. If the international standards (IEC / EN or ISO etc.) are used, then testing should incorporate Iraqi essential requirements and special conditions (e.g. frequency, ambient temperature, marking etc.)
If there is no applicable IQS or international safety standard (GS / IEC/ EN / ISO etc.) for a certain product in the scope of CoC scheme, it should be tested according to one or more of the standards in this order: Regional, Country of origin or company's standards.

In the absence of an IQ Standard for a particular Product the testing parameters and equivalent Internal Standards will be mentioned in the TR (Technical Requirement)

The testing of the products must be performed either at TUV Rheinland laboratories or other laboratories having an international or national accreditation.

In-house test report are acceptable provided the Lab details such as List of equipment’s, details of Accreditation is verified by TUV Rhineland prior to accepting the Test Reports. (For Food Products the concern lab should be ISO-17025 Accredited.)

3.4 Lead-time
First time shipment of products: 5 working days
Repeat shipment: 3 working days

The above lead times are based on assumptions that Goods comply to COSQC requirements which includes Satisfactory Inspection and Documentary review.

3.6 Documentation required to begin

Products shipped for first time.
- TUV Rheinland Application form (to be provided to the local TUV Rheinland office).
- Analysis Report, MSDS, Safety test reports (if testing is not applicable, then product specifications should be submitted).
- Photo documentation and rating label (if not part of the safety test report).
- User’s manual in Arabic.
- Shipment invoice and packing list

Repeat shipment of products already shipped with TUV Rheinland CoC
- TUV Rheinland Application form (to be provided to the local TUV Rheinland office)
- TUV Rheinland CoC number for previous shipment
- Shipment invoice and packing list

3.7 Samples
Samples are not required if a valid safety test report is provided. In the absence of a Valid Test Report samples will be drawn by the Inspector, tagged and handover to the Exporter for arranging testing from approved Labs.
4. Procedure

4.1 Certification Procedure

The Process

TÜV Rheinland Group offers different options to conform to the requirements of the Conformity Program of Iraq. Each option involves a combination of documentary check, testing (if applicable) and shipment verification.

Documentary check

The provided documents such as product datasheet, analysis, and manuals will be checked for applicable standards. Based on existing specification, test reports and shipping details, the process and the schedule for the approval service will be decided.

Testing (if applicable)

The testing of the products must be performed either at TÜV Rheinland laboratories or other laboratories having an international or national accreditation. If a valid test report according to applicable international standards already exists for a certain product then a National (Iraqi) deviation covering all the COSQC requirements will be checked.

Shipment verification

Depending on products and requirements, a pre-shipment inspection (PSI) might be applicable. TÜV Rheinland can arrange to perform the PSI either at the port of loading or at the manufacturer’s premises. Sample will be tagged by the inspector and handovered to the Clients to perform testing according to Iraqi Standards (if applicable). The shipment is compared with the shipping invoice/ Proforma/ LC. Product is checked for physical requirements, marking, labeling and national deviations (ie., Manual, Voltage, etc., etc.,) i. The samples are compared with the documents provided by the exporter prior to inspection.

Certification

Upon successful completion of testing (if applicable), pre-shipment inspection and receiving all required documents, TÜV Rheinland will issue a CoC. The original CoC needs to be presented at Iraqi port for release of the shipment.
External Procedure – Iraq (ICIGI Programme)

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6. Attachments

List of Standards

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