



INTRODUCTION

In March 2011, the Algerian Ministry of Commerce published a note to all importers reminding them the obligation of submitting a proof of conformity for all shipments entering Algerian territory, to ensure that they meet legal and regulatory requirements that affect them.

This obligation is enforced by the law 09-03 dated 25/02/2009 and the decree 05-467 dated 12/12/2005, on conditions and procedures of conformity control of imported goods at customs

The conformity assessment of the regulated products is based on the review of existing certificates and test reports, followed by inspection of goods and testing where necessary. On successful conformity assessment, the certification and inspection body issues the Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

The required Certificate of Conformity can also be referred as “**Certificat de contrôle de qualité**”. The original copy of the Certificate of Conformity is needed for every shipment and should be issued in the country of export. It is a mandatory document for Algerian Customs clearance.

OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

The primary objectives of the programme are:

- To ensure that products imported into Algeria meet the security, safety, health and environment requirements as per the sanctioned standards and technical regulations approved by IANOR (Institut Algerien de Normalisation).
- Provide assurance to the Algerian consumer that the products imported into Algeria are free from potential hazards and fit for use.
- To avoid costly delays at the ports and rejection of shipments if the shipments are found to include dangerous and unsafe products.
- To help genuine and complying exporters and importers to quickly clear Customs process without the risk of rejection of shipments
- To streamline Custom clearance procedures, promote healthy and fair competition and fight against unsafe and dangerous goods.



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REGULATED PRODUCT CONSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Regulated product consignments have to be verified for compliance to relevant sanctioned standards, essential requirements or manufacturer's specification. The compliance verification process may involve physical inspection of the consignment and if necessary sample selection for testing purposes.

The certification process is as outlined below:

1. Exporter Submits Request for Certification (RFC) and Supporting Documents

- The Exporter contacts the responsible Intertek Country Office and submits a request for certification.
- Exporter includes the following information along with the request for the certification:
 - a. Details of products which are included in the shipment
 - b. Name and address of exporter and importer
 - c. Location of consignment and provisional date of availability for inspection
 - d. Payment details, port of discharge, port of loading, mode of transport.
- Exporter includes the following documents:
 - a. Test reports/ Reports of analysis/ Quality mark validity proof
 - b. Product specification sheet/ MSDS
 - c. Certificates related to the management of the quality/ safety system (ISO 22000, ISO/TS 16949, ISO 13485...)
 - d. Invoice
- Exporter forwards the request for certification and the supporting documents to the Intertek Country Office

2. Country Office (CO) Review of RFC & Submitted Documentation

- The Country Office reviews the information provided by the exporter and does a preliminary check to verify whether the substantiating test documents submitted are enough to do a conformity assessment of the products to the sanctioned standards.
- If not then the CO will request the exporter to provide more information/documents. At this stage the CO will submit a quotation to the exporter for the inspection and certification costs and if acceptable, the CO office will arrange for the inspection and if necessary removal of samples for laboratory testing/ analysis.

3. Consignment Inspection/ Testing by the Appointed Inspector

- The Country Offices coordinates with the exporter for the inspection of the consignment.
- Once the inspection has been arranged, the inspector inspects the consignment to verify whether the products included in the shipment are same as those detailed in the documents submitted for certification, the markings on the product and product's packaging to ensure it includes the required information, the quantity of the product is as per the invoice and physical condition of the products. If necessary, the inspector may remove samples for additional assessment

4. Issue Certificate of Conformity/ Quality Control

- On successful review and conformity assessment of the test reports and inspection result, Intertek will issue the Certificate of Conformity.
- If exporter requires additional original copies of the CoC, these could be provided by the CO.



THE INTERTEK SOLUTION

- Intertek pioneered the development of the product conformity assessment programmes, which is now being applied in many parts of the world to prevent dangerous and unsafe products entering into the market. Intertek has over the years built up vast experience, infrastructure and necessary knowledge in the management of the conformity assessment programmes. To date Intertek has issued more than a million certificates of conformity.
- Intertek has a global network of offices that have operated the product conformity programmes for many years.
- Intertek has experience in providing solutions to businesses exporting a wide range of products to Algeria. Intertek has undertaken more assessments of more products for longer than any other organization.
- Intertek has the world's largest networks of laboratories, which participate in the conformity assessment of products. These laboratories have a wide range of testing capability including electrical, chemical, automotive goods, building materials and many others.
- Our staff are experts on the understanding and interpretation of a wide range of national and international standards and requirements including Algerian standard requirements as well as understanding the needs of exporters and importers.
- Intertek can provide technical assistance to importers and exporters regarding the sanctioned standards and regulations
- Intertek's Certificates of Conformity includes the latest encryption technology, watermarks and other security measures which would make it impossible to counterfeit or tamper with.
- Intertek can provide fast, rapid and tailor made service that meet your particular needs, including:
 - a. Submission of assessment requests online
 - b. Automated e-mails for status of certificates
 - c. Flexible certificate delivery solutions for high volume users

FEES

The party acquiring the certification services is accountable for charges to the conformity assessment related services performed by the conformity assessment Company. These fees cover the cost of inspection, evaluation, testing, and all other technical and administrative activities involved in the shipment certification.

An individual quote will be provided to the party requesting for the certification services and agreed upon before commencing with the conformity assessment process.



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