



INTRODUCTION

The Kenyan Bureau of Standards (KEBS) implemented a very clear set of guidelines in 2005 called the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards Programme. This verifies the conformity of all 'Regulated Products' in the respective exporting countries, to ensure that they comply with applicable Kenyan technical regulations and mandatory standards.

KEBS further reorganized the PVoC on 14th November 2008 and issued a new set of guidelines and regulated product list.

OBJECTIVES & PRINCIPLES

The primary objective of applying Pre- Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) programme is to:

- a. Ensure quality of products, health and safety, and environmental protection for Kenyans and this is reflected in the product coverage scope.
- b. Minimize the risk of unsafe and sub-standard goods entering Kenya through the execution of conformity assessment activities in the country of export. This will help ensure that consumers are protected from unsafe and sub-standard goods, and that Kenyan manufacturers are not subjected to unfair competition.
- c. The guiding principle of PVoC programme is based on Article 5 of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT/WTO), which requires that technical requirements (i.e. Standards) applied to foreign products must also be applied to domestically manufactured products.

KEY FEATURES

- Every consignment of imported goods, which contain regulated products, are accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by PVoC Country Offices (offices operated and managed by authorized PVoC Agents) prior to shipment.
- The PVoC Certificate is required to ensure smooth Customs clearance of shipments in Kenya
- The PVoC certificate confirms that the products comply with relevant Kenyan technical regulations and approved standards.
- Regulated product shipments can be exported through three routes depending upon the type of exporter and frequency of shipments

ROUTE A – CONSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION

Under Route A, products to be shipped have to be both tested and physically inspected to demonstrate conformity to relevant standards, essential requirements or manufacturer's specification. This route is open to all products being exported by either traders or manufacturers. This Route is opened to any trade party.

The certification process through Route A is as outlined below:

- a. Submission of Request for Certification (RFC) by the Exporter
- b. Review of RFC/ Documentation submitted by Exporter to PVoC Agent
- c. Consignment Inspection by the Appointed Inspector
- d. Consignment Testing
- e. Issuance of the Final Certification Documentation (Certification Decision/CoC) by the PVoC Agent



ROUTE B – PRODUCT REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT

Route B offers a fast track certification process for goods with reasonable and consistent levels of quality through Registration of such products by the PVoC Agent. Product Registration is recommended to exporters having frequent shipments of homogenous products.

The process of Registration and certification is as follows:

a. Product Registration

- Submission of Registration Application to PVoC Agent by the Exporter
- Review of Registration Application submitted by Exporter to PVoC Agent

b. Registered Product Consignment Certification Process

- Submission of Request for Certification (RFC)
- Consignment Inspection by the Appointed Inspector
- Random Consignment Testing
- Issuance of the Final Certification Documentation (Certification Decision/ CoC) by the PVoC Agent

ROUTE C – PRODUCT LICENSING

This route is open only to manufacturers who can demonstrate existence of a quality management system in their production/ manufacturing process. It involves auditing of such production processes and licensing of products manufactured thereof by authorized PVoC Agent.

It is recommended for manufactures that have high frequency/volumes of shipments. Licensing includes:

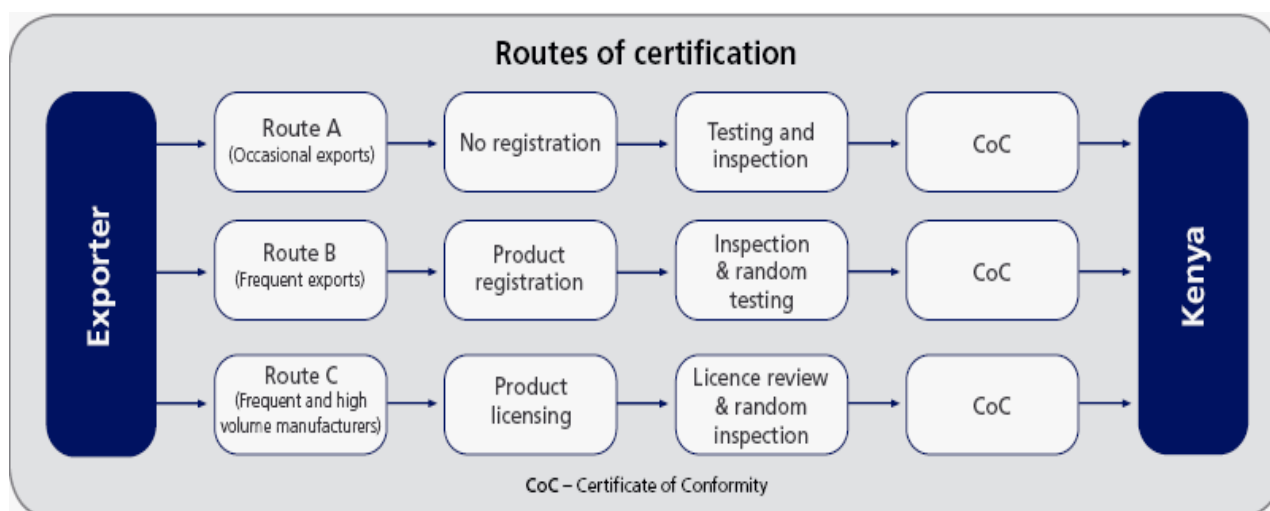
a. Product Licensing

- Submission of Licensing Application to PVoC Agent by the Exporter
- Review of Licensing Application submitted by Exporter to PVoC Agent
- Type testing of product
- Periodic factory surveillance in line with ISO Guide 28

b. Licensed Product Consignment Certification Process

- Random consignment inspection by the Appointed Inspector
- No consignment testing
- Issuance of the Final Certification Documentation (Certification Decision/ CoC) by the PVoC Agent

FLOWCHART DEPICTING THE CERTIFICATION ROUTES





THE INTERTEK SOLUTION

- Intertek has experience in providing solutions to businesses exporting a wide range of products to Kenya. We have undertaken more assessments of more products for longer than any other organization.
- Intertek has a global network of offices that have operated the PVoC programme for many years.
- Our staff are experts on the understanding and interpretation of a wide range of national and international standards and requirements including Kenyan standard requirements as well as understanding the needs of exporters and importers.
- Intertek has the world's largest network of laboratories, authorized to test to Kenya's requirements including electrical, chemical, automotive goods, building materials and many others.
- The PVoC Certificate of Conformity is recognized and trusted by KEBS and the Kenyan Customs.
- Intertek can provide 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

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FEES (VERIFICATION FEES)

Route A	0.475% of FOB value subject to a minimum of USD 180
Route B	0.425% of FOB value subject to a minimum of USD 180
Route C	0.25% of FOB value subject to a minimum of USD 135
Maximum Fees	The above fees are subject to a maximum of USD 2375. However, the maximum fee chargeable is subject to the applicable commercial rates at the port of inspection.
Testing Fees	Determined on a case by case basis
Registration Fees	USD 375 covering 15 products/line items. USD 20 to be charged for every additional product/line item.
Licensing Fees	Determined on a case-by-case basis

PVoC REGULATED PRODUCTS

The PVoC regulated product list is available on www.intertek.com/government/programmes/kenya. It can also be obtained from Country Offices and Registration and Licensing Centres on request.

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INTERTEK PVoC ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY

REGION	ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY		
1. UNITED KINGDOM	England Ireland	Scotland Wales	
2. CHINA	Hong Kong		
3. INDIA SUBCONTINENT	Afghanistan Bangladesh	India Myanmar	Pakistan Sri Lanka
4. FAR EAST	Cambodia Indonesia Japan	Malaysia Philippines Singapore	South Korea Thailand Vietnam
5. CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN	Antigua & Barbuda Argentina Bahamas Belize Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia	Costa Rica Dom. Republic Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Guyana Haiti Honduras	Jamaica Mexico Nicaragua Panama Paraguay Peru Uruguay Venezuela
6. AMERICAS	Canada	USA	
7. MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	Greece Malta	Spain Portugal	Turkey
8. CENTRAL EUROPE	Austria Belgium France	Germany Italy Luxemburg	Monaco Netherlands Switzerland
9. NORDIC COUNTRIES	Denmark Finland	Greenland Iceland	Norway Sweden
10. MIDDLE EAST	Bahrain Iran Iraq Israel	Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Oman	Qatar Saudi Arabia Syria Yemen
11. SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA	Angola Botswana Cen. Africa Rep. Chad Congo Brazzaville DRC Djibouti Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea Ethiopia Gabon Lesotho Madagascar Malawi Mauritius Mozambique	Namibia South Africa Sudan Somalia Swaziland Zambia Zimbabwe