Trading with Kenya
Helping you comply with export and import requirements

Exporters/Importers trading with Kenya need to comply with the requirements of the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards Programme in order for their goods to clear customs. Failure to do so can result in severe delays in goods clearance, penalties or even shipments being returned.

The Kenya PVoC was implemented in 2005 to assure Kenyan consumers of the quality and safety of imported goods and to facilitate trade. ‘Regulated Products’ within the programme require a Certificate of Conformity which verifies, in the respective exporting countries, that the products comply with the applicable Kenyan technical regulations and mandatory standards or approved equivalent International/National Standards.
The requirements for PVoC include:
- Every consignment of imported goods which contains regulated products must be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by your local PVoC Country Office 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 the relevant Kenyan technical regulations and approved standards.
- The authorities in Kenya may take random samples from imported consignments to verify compliance.
- Additional details on the PVoC procedure and a list of Regulated Products currently requiring PVoC certification are available at www.kenyapvoc.com

The Intertek Solution helping you export to Kenya
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 organisation.
- Intertek has a global network of offices that have operated the Kenyan programme for many years, issuing over 1.5 million certificates and test reports.
- Our staff are experts on Kenyan standards and requirements as well as understanding the needs of exporters and importers.
- Intertek has one of the world’s largest networks of laboratories, authorised to test to Kenyan requirements including electrical, chemical, cosmetic, toy, automotive goods and many others.
- The PVoC Certificate is recognised and trusted by KEBS and by Kenyan Customs.
- Intertek can provide a tailor-made service that meets your particular needs, including:
  - Submission of assessment requests online
  - Automated e-mails for status of certificates
  - Flexible certificate delivery solutions for high volume users

For assistance in exporting to Kenya, find details of your local, dedicated Kenya expert at www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/exports/kenya or e-mail info.government@intertek.com

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