Trading with Kuwait
Helping you comply with export and import requirements

Exporters/Importers trading with Kuwait need to comply with the requirements of the Public Authority for Industry of the State of Kuwait (PAI) 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 Kuwait Conformity Assessment Scheme (KUCAS) was implemented in 2006 to assure Kuwaiti consumers of the quality and safety of imported goods and to facilitate trade. ‘Regulated Products’ within the programme require a Technical Inspection Report (TIR) prior to export. Intertek is the leading approved Certification/Inspection Body (CIB) which offers this service to exporters. Intertek is approved by the Public Authority for Industry to issue TIR’s for goods exported to Kuwait.
The requirements for KUCAS include:

- Every consignment of imported goods which contains regulated products must be accompanied by a Technical Inspection Report (TIR). Intertek is the leading approved Certification/Inspection Body (CIB) which offers this service to exporters.
- The TIR is required to ensure smooth customs clearance of shipments in Kuwait.
- The TIR confirms that the products comply with the relevant Kuwait technical regulations and approved international/regional/national standards.
- The authorities in Kuwait may take random samples from imported consignments to verify compliance.
- Additional details on the KUCAS procedure and the products currently requiring KUCAS certification are available at www.pai-kucas.com

The routes to export

The Intertek Solution helping you export to Kuwait

- Intertek has experience in providing solutions to businesses exporting a wide range of products to Kuwait. 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 Kuwaiti programme for over five years.
- Our staff are experts on Kuwaiti 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 Kuwait’s requirements including electrical, chemical, automotive goods, building materials and many others.
- Valid type test reports (full testing) issued by an accredited laboratory against Kuwaiti standards/Kuwaiti approved (sanctioned) standards.
- The Intertek Technical Inspection Report (TIR) is recognised and trusted by the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) and by Kuwait 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