Trading with Uganda
Helping you comply with export and import requirements

Exporters/Importers trading with Uganda need to comply with the requirements of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) 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 to the country of export.

The Uganda PVoC has been implemented (effective December 2012) to assure Ugandan consumers of the quality and safety of imported goods and to facilitate trade. ‘Regulated Products’ within the programme require a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) which verifies, in the respective exporting countries, that the products comply with the applicable Ugandan technical regulations and mandatory standards or approved equivalent International/National Standards.
The requirements for Uganda 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 Uganda.
- The PVoC Certificate confirms that the products comply with the relevant Ugandan technical regulations and approved standards.
- The authorities in Uganda may take random samples from imported consignments to verify compliance.

Additional details on the PVoC procedure and a list of Regulated Products currently requiring a CoC are available at www.export2uganda.com

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The Intertek Solution helping you export to Uganda

- Intertek has experience in providing solutions to businesses exporting a wide range of products to Uganda. We have undertaken more assessments of more products for longer than any other organisation.
- Intertek has a global network of offices that have operated PCP programmes for many years.
- Our staff are experts on Ugandan standards and requirements as well as understanding the needs of exporters and importers and therefore able to help facilitate trade.
- Intertek has one of the world’s largest networks of laboratories, authorised to test to Uganda’s requirements including electrical, chemical, automotive goods, food products, building materials and many others.
- Intertek can facilitate the issue of type test reports (full testing) by an accredited laboratory against Ugandan technical regulations and approved standards.
- The PVoC Certificate is recognised and trusted by UNBS and by Ugandan Customs.
- Intertek can provide a tailor-made service that meets your particular requirements, including:
  - Submission of assessment requests online
  - Automated e-mails for status of certificates
  - Flexible certificate delivery solutions for high volume users

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

To see a complete list of our laboratories please visit www.intertek.com/contact.

Full details on all of our services for exporters and importers can be found at www.intertek.com/government