

SFDA FOOD CONSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES SAUDI ARABIA

OVERVIEW

Exporters/Importers trading in Food Products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) need to comply with the requirements of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) in order to clear their Food Consignments at the Saudi Customs.

Obtaining a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for the Food Product Consignments prior to exporting into KSA, is highly recommended to clear the shipment at Customs. The SFDA Food Consignment Certification Programme will commence on the **1st of September 2018**. Exporters who avail the certification services from Intertek under this programme will benefit from a fast track clearance from KSA Customs and thereby expediting the placement of the food products in the KSA marketplace. Intertek's **SFDA Food Consignment Certification Programme** provides assurance to Saudi consumers of the Safety and Suitability requirements of imported Food Products.

4 STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT



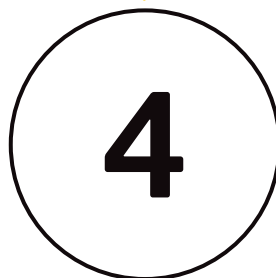
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Initial List of Food Products and their Countries of Supply under the Scope of SFDA FCCP

Currently, the following products supplied from the corresponding countries as detailed below are under the scope of SFDA Food Consignment Certification Programme:

Food Products	Country of Supply
Poultry (Frozen Whole or Cuts); excluding chilled, cooked, processed products and Eggs	Brazil
Fishes & Aquaculture Products (Fresh, Salted, Processed and Cooked), including Fish Meal	India, Thailand, Taiwan
Vegetables and fruit (Frozen, Cut, Processed or Canned), excluding fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Egypt (Only from SFDA Approved Export Organizations), Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, India
Cheese and Dairy products (Yoghurt and Labneh), excluding Fresh Milk	Egypt, Jordan
Red Meat, excluding processed or cooked meat	India, Pakistan, Ethiopia
Rice (milled rice)	Thailand, Egypt, India, Pakistan
Spices, Coffee Beans, Tea (raw, roasted or processed)	India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
Processed meat (All kinds of processed meat products including cooked, excluding processed poultry products)	Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, India, China
Packaging (Food Contact Packaging material)	China
Infant Formula (In Powder form only)	Spain, Jordan
Sugar and Sweets (Cocoa, Chocolate and all Sugar Products including Fructose, Dextrose, Glucose Syrup and Maple Syrup), excluding Artificial Sweeteners	China, India
Honey	Pakistan, India, Kyrgyzstan



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Saudi Requirements

All Food Products under the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) shall meet the following requirements of Saudi Food Law, Standards and Regulations including:

Registration with Saudi authorities

- The importer must have an account with the SFDA and the Food Product must be registered
- The importer must have a valid Commercial Registration Certificate which includes Food Trade as a registered commercial activity
- Exporter must be registered with SFDA under Registration of Foreign Establishment

Laws, Regulations and Standards

- The Food Product must meet the Standards and other Requirements as stipulated by the SFDA
- Expiration Dates of Food Products shall be in line with the GSO standard (GSO 150) specified for certain products and shall comply with the minimum shelf-life requirement for its export to Saudi Arabia
- Food Products intended for the Saudi market shall be in compliance to the Halal requirements as per GSO 993 and GSO 2055-1 with respect to its slaughtering & processing practices
- Shipping containers for Chilled and Frozen food products must comply with GSO 323

Marking and Labelling Requirements

- Marking and Labelling information shall be in Arabic language. Other Languages may be used in addition to the Arabic marking and labeling provided that the information written in these languages is equivalent to the information written in Arabic text
- Marking and Labeling must comply with GSO 9 requirements that stress on both consumer information and respects the Saudi Customs and Islamic values (offensive imagery, contents shall be avoided)

Additional Documentation

- Original Invoice attested by Trade Authority of the Country of Origin
- Certificate of Origin legalised by Chamber of Commerce of the Country of Origin
- All Animal slaughtered products and meat products must be Halal certified and shall be accompanied with original Slaughter Certificates and Halal Certificates as applicable
- Animal and Vegetable and Fruit product consignments shall be accompanied with Health Certificates and Phytosanitary Certificates respectively

Exempted Products under the SFDA FCCP

- The Initial List of Food Products under the scope does not include certain Products such as but not limited to Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables, Fresh Milk and Artificial Sweeteners
- Exporters are advised to contact local Intertek Offices for more information on exempted products under SFDA FCCP

Prohibited, Banned and Restricted Products

- Certain products have been classified as HARAM (Prohibited) in KSA such as but not limited to Pork and Pork products, Foodstuff and preparations from Animal blood, Wines and Intoxicants
- Some products have been Banned/ Restricted from its import into KSA such as Nutmeg, etc.
- For more information on the Prohibited and Banned list of products, exporters may contact the local Intertek Offices

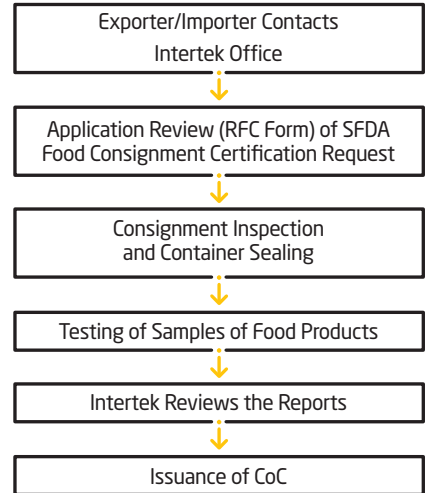




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The Food Product to be exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will undergo conformity assessment by Intertek for its Safety and Suitability requirements using various conformity verification techniques such as document evaluation, INLIGHT registration (supply chain verification), inspection, testing, container sealing etc. Consignments meeting the SFDA requirements shall be issued with a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) by Intertek which can be used to clear the consignments on a fast-track basis at the Saudi Customs upon its arrival at Saudi Ports/Borders.

FOOD CONSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION STAGES



Document Evaluation

Mandatory documents submitted along with the RFC will be evaluated (Commercial Registration Certificate, Halal Slaughter Certificate, Halal Certificate) to verify the details of product consignment and its compliance to requirements.

Inspection

The Food consignment will be subject to physical inspection including verification of product label markings and other physical requirements as per approved SASO / GSO Standards and Technical Regulations.

Sealing

Container Sealing is done using Intertek's seal and the shipment must not be tampered with after sealing.

Testing

The Food products will be tested for Safety and Suitability requirements to the applicable SASO / GSO Standards. The tested sample of the products must comply to the requirements for establishing conformity of the consignment.

CoC

Food Consignments that comply with Inspection and Testing will be issued a CoC which will help the importer in clearing the shipment at the Saudi Customs.

INLIGHT Registration

INLIGHT registration is an enabler for Exporters to avail fast-track certification for their consignment at the Country of Supply. Intertek's Intellectual Property web-based platform "INLIGHT" enables dynamic Supply Chain Risk Assessment and registration of the applicant and the applicant's supply chain. Based on the Risk Assessment, the Exporter is profiled as a Critical Risk, High Risk, Medium or Low Risk exporter with designated color codes (Red, Amber, Yellow and Green respectively). The level of compliance verification intervention applied to the food consignment under certification will be subject to the Exporter's risk categorisation. Results of the compliance verification of the consignment will play a vital role in the maintenance of the Exporter's risk categorisation.



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The Fee details are as follows:





Certification FEE	Declared Consignment Value (US\$)	Maximum Fees Value (US\$)
Fees for Inspection, withdrawal of samples and issuance of the Certificates	1 - 50000	450
	50001 - 100000	650
	100001 - 150000	800
	150001 - 200000	1250
	200001 - 500000	2500
	500001 - above	3500
Fees for overseeing the loading and sealing of the consignments	US\$ 100 per 20' (feet) container	
	US\$ 125 per 40' (feet) container	

NOTES:

- Exporters applying for the CoC are responsible for the payment of the Food Consignment Certification services to Intertek
- The Certification Fees described above does not include the fees for product testing, INLIGHT registration and supply chain verification. These fees will be separately quoted as required to be performed by Intertek for establishing compliance

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- SFDA Saudi Food and Drug Authority
- FCCP Food Consignment Certification Programme
- RFC Request for Certificate of Conformity
- COC Certificate of Conformity