

FAQS ABOUT THE EGYPT NFSA CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

1. What does NFSA stand for?

NFSA is an acronym for National Food Safety Authority. It is a government authority in the Arab Republic of Egypt responsible for food safety regulation for food products that are produced within or imported into Egypt.

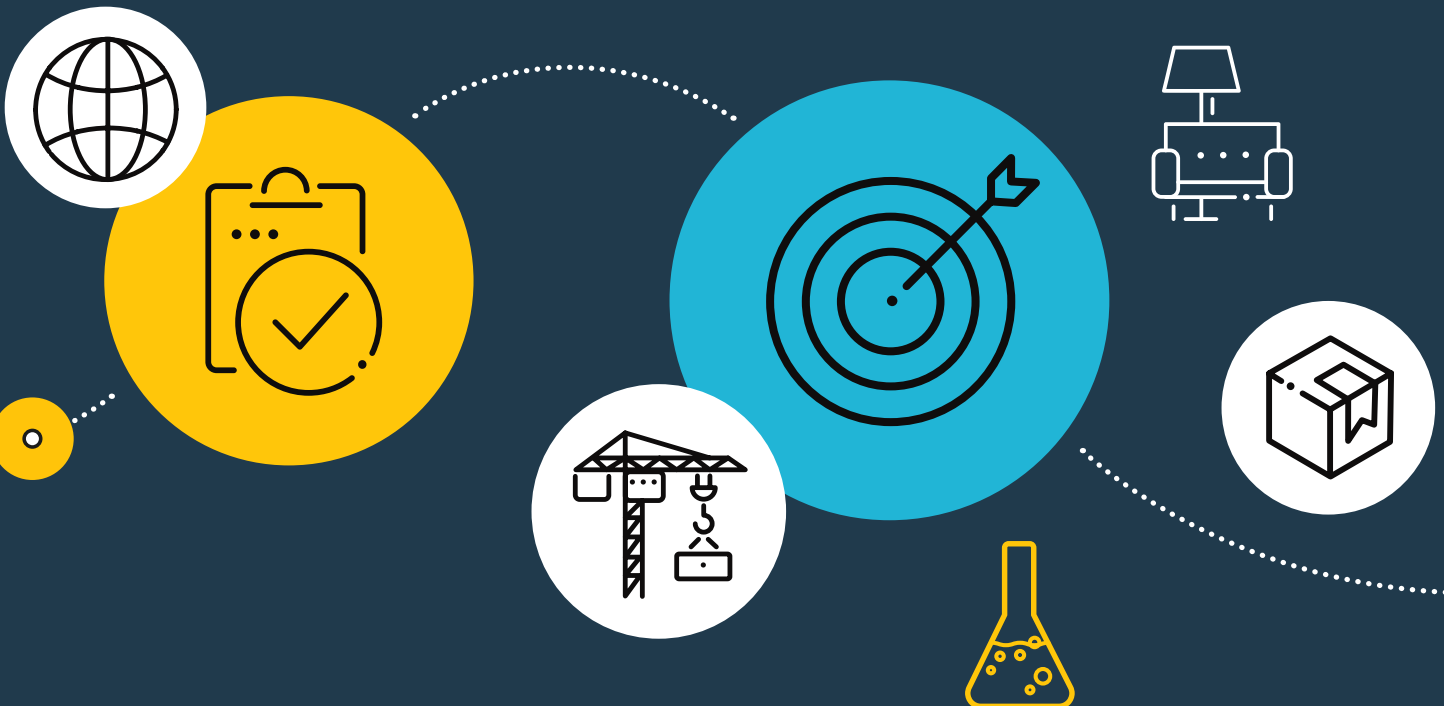
2. What is the role of NFSA in the importation of Food Products into Egypt and how is it different from GOEIC?

GOEIC is an acronym for General Organization for Export and Import Control. It is an authority directly affiliated with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that regulates the importation of all types of Products into Egypt.

However, with the establishment of the National Food Safety Authority, all Food Products which were previously under the control of GOEIC are now under the administration of NFSA, along with the implementing rules and regulations for the import of Food Products. Whereas, the importation of Food Contact Materials are jointly managed by GOEIC and NFSA.

3. What are the benefits to Exporters who undergo the NFSA Certification Programme

The regulated consignments issued with a Col under the NFSA Certification Programme will benefit from a substantially reduced destination inspection and intervention by NFSA Officials on its arrival at the Egyptian Ports and Borders thereby expediting the placement of the food products/ food contact material products in the Egyptian marketplace.



4. How does the NFSA Certification Programme work

Exporters applying for a Certificate of Inspection (CoI) shall demonstrate compliance to the NFSA Requirements.

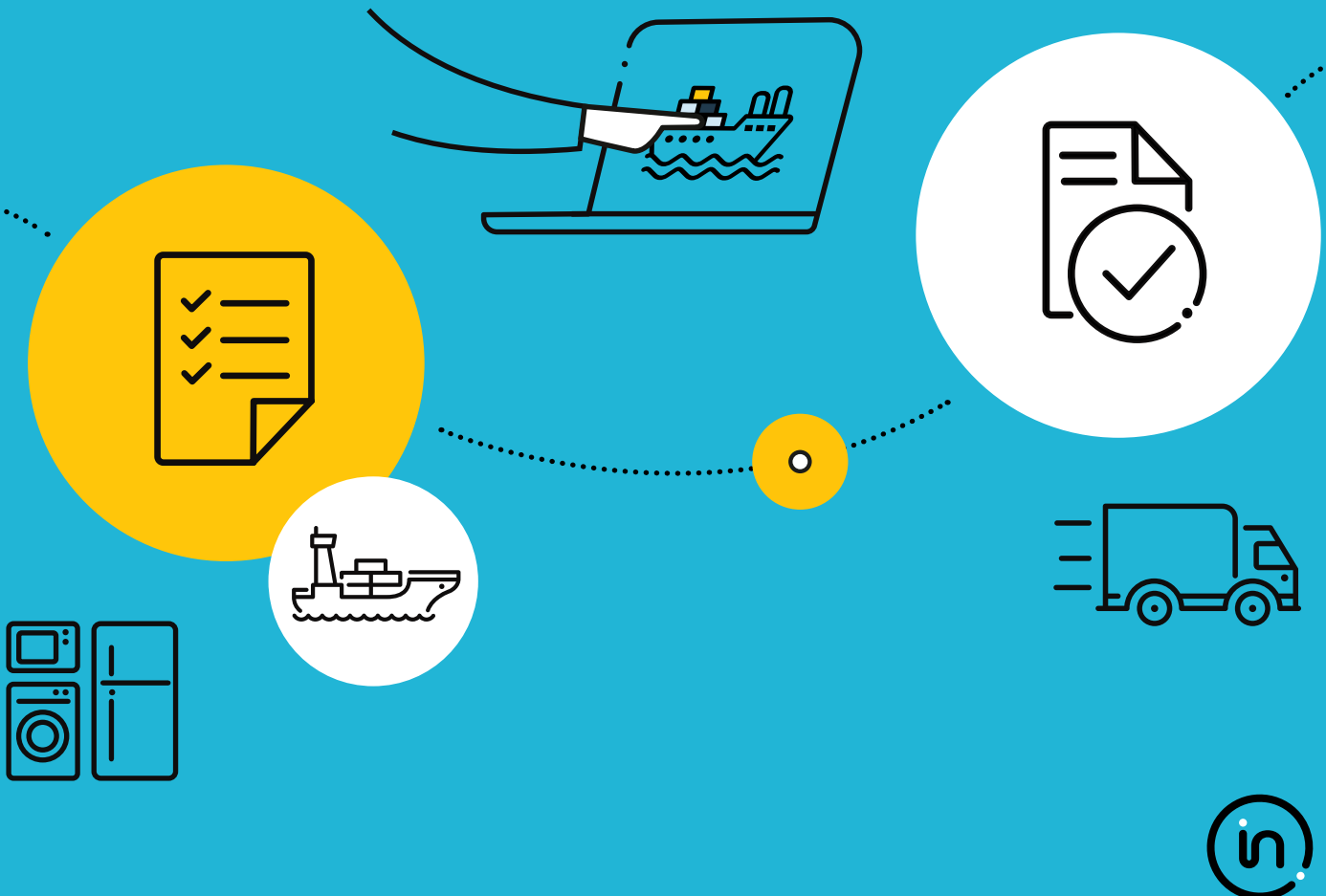
- Exporter shall contact the responsible Intertek Office for the list of requirements specific for the food products/ food contact materials to be shipped to Egypt.
- The food product/ food contact materials shall demonstrate compliance with the Egyptian Standards and NFSA Mandatory Technical Regulations.
- A pre-shipment inspection will be conducted to check the storage and transportation conditions and verify the labelling of the food products/ food contact materials in the consignment.
- A conformity assessment shall be made to ensure the products meet the required level of compliance before a CoI is issued.

5. Who has to demonstrate compliance with the NFSA Certification Programme?

The Exporter shall bear the responsibility for demonstrating compliance to the requirements of the Programme. Accordingly, the Conformity Assessment Procedures shall be undertaken at the Country of Supply.

6. What will it cost to comply with NFSA Certification Programme?

The fees for demonstrating compliance with the Programme are available in the [Exporter and Importer Guidelines](#) document which can be obtained from your local Intertek Office, or it can be downloaded from <https://www.intertek.com/government/>



7. How can I obtain further information about the NFSA Food Certification Programme?

You can contact your nearest Intertek Office for detailed information regarding the Programme. The full list of Intertek's Customer Service Centres can be found [here](#).

8. Where is Intertek's office in Egypt?

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