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Total Quality. Assured.

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

# TRADING WITH AFRICA

Intertek's Total Quality Expertise supporting  
Exporters and Importers to comply with the  
Conformity Assessment Programmes in Africa



**Many Governments within the African continent have put stringent requirements in place to ensure their consumers are protected from sub-standard products and goods.**

**Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI), Destination Inspection (DI), Conformity Assessment (CoC) and Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards are the types of programmes that have been implemented not only to verify safety and performance of goods but also to ensure that correct import duty revenues are paid.**

Traders exporting to these countries need to be fully aware of applicable requirements since failure to comply with them can be costly, leading to potential delays in Customs clearance, financial penalties or even Goods being returned to the port of origin.

### The Intertek solution to Conformity Assessment and Pre-shipment inspection

Intertek has been working in the African region for many years and as an Accredited Certification Body we have been assessed and approved by the applicable Government departments in the importing countries meaning that we are competent to test and certify your shipments.

### Here are just a few of the countries we currently support programmes for:

#### Botswana SIIR

Exports to Botswana need to comply with the requirements of the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) and the Botswana Programme - Standards Import Inspections Regulations (SIIR) to Standards Programme in order for their goods to clear Customs. 'Regulated Products' within the programme require a Conformity Certificate. Intertek is accredited by BOBS to issue the Conformity Certificate.

#### Ethiopia PVOc

The Ethiopia Ministry of Trade introduced mandatory testing and verification to ensure the compliance of imports with applicable Ethiopian Technical Regulations and Compulsory Ethiopian Standards (CES) or approved equivalents. A CoC is required to clear Customs.

#### Egypt CAP

Egypt implemented new import regulations at the end of 2015. Manufacturers and trademark owners of regulated products must register with Egypt's General Organisation for Export and Import Control (GOEIC). A Certificate of Inspection (Col) is then required for the clearance of every regulated product exported to Egypt. Intertek can issue the Col which is recognised by GOEIC/Egypt Customs. Intertek can also facilitate registration with GOEIC.

#### Egypt Food

Exporters/Importers trading in Food and Food Contact Material Products with the Arab Republic of Egypt need to comply with the requirements of the National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) in order to clear their Consignments by NFSA Officials on its arrival at the Egyptian Ports/Borders.

Food product consignments must be verified for conformity to Egyptian Standard requirements by a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) such as Intertek and issued with a Certificate of Inspection (Col).

#### Cameroon PECAE

Health, beauty and food products, construction materials, refined petroleum products, gas cylinders and paper products require an Attestation of Conformity (AoC) to meet the requirements of the Agence des Normes et de la Qualite (ANOR) Conformity Assessment Programme called Programme d'Evaluation de la Conformité Avant Embarquement (PECAE). Intertek is accredited by PECAE to issue the AoC for regulated product shipments.

#### Algeria CAP

In March 2011, the Algerian Ministry of Commerce published a note to all importers reminding them of the obligation to submit a proof of conformity for all shipments entering Algerian territory. This obligation is enforced by law 09-03, dated 25/02/2009, and decree 05-467 dated 12/12/2005, on conditions and procedures of conformity control of imported goods at customs.

#### Uganda PVoC

From the 3rd December 2012 the Uganda National Bureau of Standards reinstated its PVoC. As with Nigeria and Kenya all exports of regulated products require a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by an Approved Inspection Body for Customs clearance. Intertek has been approved by UNBS to support this programme by supplying services to issue the PVoC Certificate to exporters.

#### Tanzania PVoC

Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) implemented a PVoC programme. Intertek has been approved by TBS to support this programme by supplying services to issue the PVoC Certificate to exporters. The certificate is a mandatory document required for Customs clearance of Regulated Product shipments.

#### Gabon PROGEC

The Agence Gabonaise de Normalisation (AGANOR) implemented a Conformity Assessment Programme called PROgramme Gabonais d'Evaluation de la Conformité (PROGEC). Shipments to Gabon of regulated products including but not limited to building materials, electrical and electronic equipment, cosmetics, medical, surgical equipment and toys require a CoC in order to clear Customs.

#### Ghana EasyPASS

The Ghana Standard Authority has implemented the EasyPASS programme for exports of products to Ghana. Products covered under the EasyPASS Programme includes the following:

- Toys, Games and Sports Equipment,
- Electrical and Electronic Products,
- Chemical Products (except household Chemical substance),
- Mechanical and Gas Appliance,
- Pulp of Wood, Paper and Paperboard,

- Furniture (Wood and Metal base articles),
- Construction Materials,
- Fuel and Petroleum Products,
- Textile, Textile Articles and Leatherware including African prints, Glass and Glassware Products,
- Second hand or Used Products,

Intertek operates the EasyPASS programme on GSA behalf and can issue the mandatory Certificate of Conformity for Customs clearance.

#### Ivory Coast PVoC

From the 15th February 2019 (B/L date) exporters/importers trading with Ivory Coast need to comply with the requirements of the Ministère du Commerce de l'Industrie et de la Promotion des PME (MCI/PME) in order for their goods to clear Ivory Coast Customs.

It is mandatory to obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for Regulated Product shipments prior to exporting into Ivory Coast.

#### Morocco VoC

Intertek was awarded a contract by the Ministry of Industry, Trade, Green and Digital Economy (MICEVN) for its Verification of Conformity Programme (VoC) for exports to Morocco.

The programme verifies the conformity of all regulated products in the respective exporting countries within a range of sectors,

Some products require a destination inspection including:

- Motor vehicle spare parts – Tyres, batteries, Brake linings (brake pads), Glazing, Filter elements, Mechanical control cable, Leaf springs
- Motorcycle spare parts – Air chambers
- Construction products – Ceramic tiles, Cement, Sanitary products, Taps, Sealing sheets, Plastic tubes
- Gas appliances – Gas heaters, Gas water heaters
- Construction materials – Wire rod, Steel bars for reinforcement of concrete, Wood panels
- Electrical products – Mobile phone chargers, Circuit breakers
- Blankets, Rugs & carpets, Furnishings, Articles of clothing other than work clothing, Footwear other than personal protective equipment footwear, baby diapers, Non-woven fabric protective masks for non-medical use, Protective fabric masks for non-medical use.

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