

BOTSWANA STANDARDS (COMPULSORY STANDARDS) REGULATIONS (SCSR)

EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES BOTSWANA SCSR

OVERVIEW

Exporters/Importers trading with Botswana need to comply with the requirements of the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS), which is responsible for development of Botswana Standards and coordinating quality assurance activities in Botswana. BOBS has implemented the Standards (Compulsory Standards) Regulations (SCSR) programme (Formerly known as Standards Import Inspections Regulations (SIIR) programme) and the main purpose of SCSR is to control the quality of the imports as listed in the Botswana Regulations.

All consignments subject to SCSR must obtain a Product Certificate (PC) or a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by an approved Service Provider such as Intertek. Intertek's contract to operate the Botswana SCSR has been renewed for six (6) years effective from 1st April 2024.

The Product Certificate (PC) and Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is a mandatory Customs Clearance document in Botswana. Regulated Products arriving at Botswana Ports/Borders without these documents will be subject to possible delays.

The Botswana SCSR procedure includes provision of following three routes of shipment certification subject to the frequency of shipments and the type of Exporter.

- Product Certificate (PC) – Frequent Exporters/High volume manufacturers
- CoC in Country of Supply – Unregistered or Occasional Exporters/Manufacturers
- CoC at Destination – Unregistered or Occasional Exporters/Manufacturers

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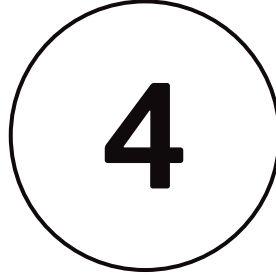
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1 PRODUCT COMPLIANCE



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Products requiring a Conformity Certificate

All products having mandatory Botswana Standards are considered as regulated under the Botswana SCSR. Every shipment of Regulated Product(s) exported to Botswana requires a Product Certificate or a Certificate of Conformity for its clearance by the Botswana Customs on arrival of the shipment at Botswana Ports/Borders.

Following are the products covered under Botswana SCSR programme:

- Electrical and Electronic products
- Automotive glass and tyres
- Mechanical and Constructional Materials
- Protective Safety Equipment
- Food and Food Products
- Plastic and Rubber products
- Chemical and Hygiene products

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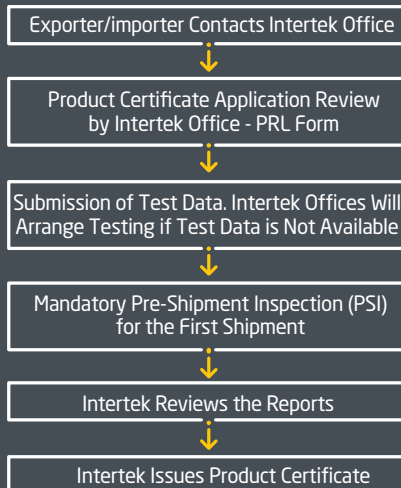
PRODUCT CERTIFICATE (PC)

Exporters/Importers of regulated products who do not have a valid NRCS-LOA (National Regulator for Compulsory Specification – Letter of Authority) for their Regulated Products can obtain a Product Certificate (PC) to enable them to clear their shipment by Botswana Customs on its arrival at Botswana Ports/Borders.

The PC is valid for a period of six months or three months based on the product’s risk factor. PCs issued for High-Risk products are valid for three months and PCs issued for Low Risk products are valid for six months from its issuance date. If Exporters have a valid PC for their products, then it is not necessary for them to obtain another conformity document such as a CoC for their shipments, instead the PC can be used for the clearance of the shipment at Botswana Ports and Borders provided it is valid.

The PC is issued based on the conformity of the product(s) to the applicable Botswana Standards and essential Requirements as per the certification process outlined.

PRODUCT CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE PROCESS



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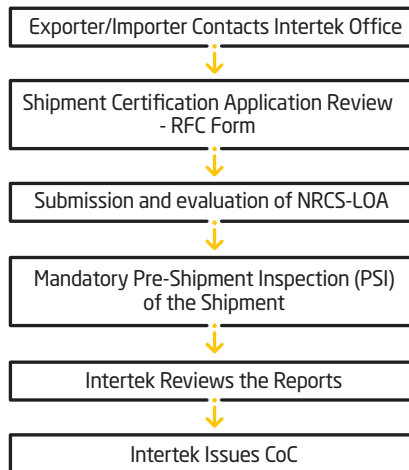


CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (CoC) IN COUNTRY OF SUPPLY

Exporters/Importers of regulated products who have valid NRCS-LOA (National Regulator for Compulsory Specification - Letter of Authority) for their products can obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) to enable them to clear their shipment by Botswana Customs on its arrival at Botswana Ports/Borders.

The CoC is issued based on the conformity of the product(s) to the applicable Botswana Standards and essential Requirements as per the certification process outlined below:

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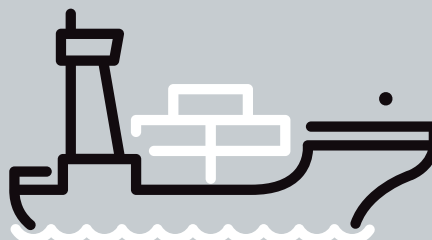
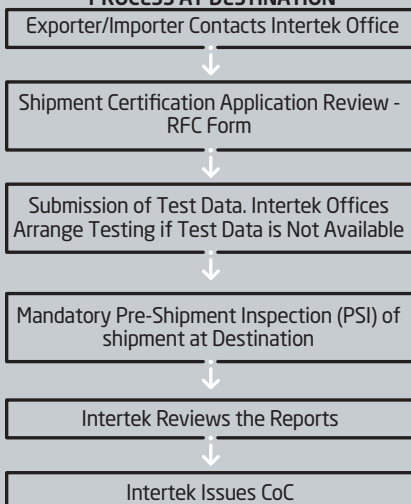


CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (CoC) AT DESTINATION

Exporters/Importers of Regulated Products who have shipped their product(s) without a PC/CoC can obtain the CoC for their shipments at destination, after undergoing successful verification of substantiating test documents and Inspection. CoC issued based on Destination Inspection will enable Exporters/Importers to have their Regulated Product shipments cleared by Botswana Customs.

The CoC is issued based on the conformity of the product(s) to the applicable Botswana Standards and essential Requirements as per the certification process outlined below:

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY ISSUANCE PROCESS AT DESTINATION



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FEES FOR PVoC



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The party applying to Intertek for Product Certificate or Certificate of Conformity services is responsible for the payment of Fees to Intertek



1. Product Certification fees


The Product Certification Fees are subject to the type of product being certified under the certification process. Exporters need to contact local Intertek Offices to obtain the quote.

2. Certificate of Conformity fees

The Certificate of Conformity Fees includes the cost of evaluation, physical inspection of the shipment, all other technical and administrative activities involved in the verification of the product.


Note: The Certificate of Conformity Fees does not include the product testing cost which is separate and subject to the type of product under test and nature of tests performed. The testing fees will be separately quoted if required and requested to be performed by Intertek.


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Key:

- FoB Free on Board
- CoC Certificate of Conformity
- PSI Pre-Shipment Inspection
- RFC Request for Certification
- PRL Request for Product Certificate
- PC Product Certificate
- SCSR Standards (Compulsory Standards) Regulations (SCSR)
- NRCS-LOA National Regulator for Compulsory Specification - Letter of Authority

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