

# DATA SHEET STANDARDS COMPULSORY STANDARDS REGULATIONS (SCSR)



## 1. Regulation

Authority:	<i>Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS)</i>
Notification:	<i>Section 16 of the Standards Act of 1997</i>
Starting date (*):	<i>October 01<sup>st</sup>, 2011</i> New contract agreement signed with a new name of the program Standards (Compulsory Standards) Regulations, SCSR, 2023, effective on April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
Appointed company(ies):	<i>Bureau Veritas and other recognized conformity assessment bodies stated on BOBS website</i>
Scope of the regulation:	<i>Conformity assessment of goods exported to Botswana</i>
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Documentary review</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Control testing if any</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Physical inspection</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Conclusion of the assessment</i></li> </ul>
Remark:	<i>N/A</i>

## 2. Products subject

Subjected goods (*):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I. Fire safety products</i></li> <li><i>II. Food and Agriculture</i></li> <li><i>III. Electrical</i></li> <li><i>IV. Chemicals</i></li> <li><i>V. Automotive products (tyres and safety glazing,...)</i></li> <li><i>VI. Building and Construction products</i></li> </ul>
Second-hand goods:	<i>Yes, specific requirement, except used tyres which are not subject (including used tyres temporarily exported out of Botswana for reconditioning) (*)</i>
Prohibited goods:	<i>N/A</i>
Counterfeited goods:	<i>Not allowed</i>
Exempted goods:	<i>N/A</i>
Minimum value subject to the programme:	<i>N/A</i>

## 3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	<p><i>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order* shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.</i></p> <p><i>* Applicable standards in priority order: Botswana standard (BOBS), then International standard (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius UN ECE), then National standard, then Manufacturer specification in the absence of BOBS, international and national standards applicable to the product.</i></p>
National deviations:	<i>As per Botswana standards</i>
Labelling requirements:	<i>Markings and instructions at least in English</i>
Other specific requirements:	<i>N/A</i>

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### 4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Final / Proforma invoice</li><li>Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements</li></ul>
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts sheet on Verigates): <a href="https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/botswana">https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/botswana</a>

### 5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory
Testing:	According to applicable standards

### 6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	N/A
Witness of loading:	When required
Seal of container:	When required
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

### 7. Facilitation procedures

- N/A

### 8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Non Conformity Report (NCR)

### 9. Fees

*Paid by Exporter*

Bureau Veritas/BIVAC may invoice the Exporter in the event of supplementary inspection visits (in vain or unsatisfactory results, testing or any additional task). The costs incurred by the Exporter in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, testing, sampling, sending, repacking... are for the account of the Exporter.

## **10. Contact**

See contacts sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/botswana>

## **11. Other relevant information**

Additional details available on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/botswana>

### *(\*) Updated information*

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