



BOTSWANA

Standards (Compulsory Standards) Regulations (SCSR)





SCOPE



SCSR PROGRAMME

The Standards (Compulsory Standards) Regulations 2023 under the Ministry of Trade and Industry states that an imported commodity must be accompanied with a Certificate of Conformity.

Bureau Veritas has been notified to issue Certificates of Conformity for several groups of products exported to Botswana.

Under SCSR Programme, Bureau Veritas carries out verification of conformity to standards, physical inspections / sampling in the country of supply prior to shipment, laboratory testing when needed, and issuance of a certificate.

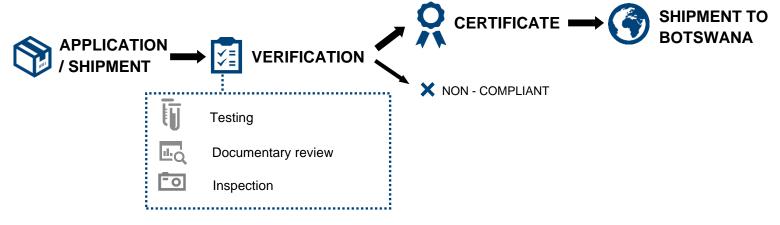
OBJECTIVES

- Reduce hazardous and substandard imported products to Botswana,
- Provide compliance certificates to regulated products exported to Botswana at source and prior to shipment,
- Ensure Botswana Consumers' and Industry's protection,
- Conformity Assurance.

TYPE OF PRODUCTS COVERED

- Fire safety products
- · Food and Agriculture
- Electrical
- Chemicals
- Automotive products (tyres and safety glazing, etc.)
- Building and Construction products

PROCESS OVERVIEW







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Step 1: Request for Certificate

Exporter sends a Request for Certificate to a local Bureau Veritas office (see VOC global contacts sheet) or lodges a Request For Certificate on-line on https://verigates.bureauveritas.com. Said request should include:

- List, designation and price of goods intended to be exported, if available: transport and insurance price, importer / exporter details (this is usually included in the proforma invoice to the importer)
- Conformity documents available (ex: Third party certificate, Test reports, Reports of analysis, certificate of the manufacturer according to ISO 9001 or other quality standard)
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out their physical inspection before shipment.

Step 2: Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews all information provided and checks their adequacy against the applicable Botswana standards. Laboratory testing / analysis are conducted on samples if necessary.

Step 3: Inspection

Bureau Veritas checks that:

- Goods presented are those identified during the documentary review
- Goods match their description in the import / export documents
- Products comply with applicable standards
- If necessary, Bureau Veritas inspectors may take samples for additional assessment.

Step 4: Certificate of Conformity

Bureau Veritas checks the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory results, a Certificate of Conformity is issued; else, a Non-Conformity Report is produced. Exporters are recommended not to ship their goods prior issuance of the required Certificate.



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