

CONSIGNMENT BASED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT – CBCA Programme (General Goods & Consolidated goods) ZIMBABWE



1. Regulation

Authority:	The Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Republic of Zimbabwe
Notification:	<p>The notice to importers and clearing agents – Implementation of a Conformity and Valuation programme dated on 16th March, 2015</p> <p>The notice to importers and clearing agents - Implementation of a Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) Programme released on 23rd, July 2015</p> <p>The notice to importers and clearing agents – Implementation of a Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) Programme released on 4th, February 2016 (*)</p> <p>The notice to importers and clearing agents- Implementation of new extended list of products “SI 124 of 2020” under the Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) program</p> <p>The notice to importers and clearing agents for consolidated goods – Implementation of a Conformity and Valuation programme dated on 15th March, 2022</p> <p>The notice to importers and clearing agents - Implementation of new extended list of products “SI 186 & 187 of 2023” under the Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) program</p>
Starting date (*):	<p>May 16th, 2015 (date of shipment), then postponed and re-launched on July 27th, 2015</p> <p>New CBCA program for General Goods is in effect on April 8th, 2022</p> <p>The CBCA program for consolidated goods is in effect on June 1st, 2022</p> <p>Transitional Implementation postponed from December 31st, 2023 to February 29th, 2024 (inclusive)</p> <p>Full Enforcement on March 1st, 2024 (date of shipment)</p>
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas, and other conformity assessment bodies
Scope:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to Zimbabwe
Assessment based on :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conformity documentary review ▪ Control testing if necessary ▪ Physical inspection ▪ Facilitation procedures for general goods, except for the consolidated goods where only route A applies. ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark (*):	Any Goods exported without a Certificate of Conformity will be liable to a 12% penalty (CIF)& Destination Assessment effective 1 March 2024 (Penalty remains 15% until 29 February 2024)

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food and Agriculture (including Fertilizers, Confectionary, Biscuits, Beverages, Snacks) ▪ Building products (including Cement, Portland cement, Pipes, Plumbing accessories, Door Frames, Sanitary ware, Ceramic tiles, Steel bars for reinforcement of concrete) ▪ Petroleum and fuel (including Paraffin Stoves and Heaters, Gas containers, Candles, Lubricants) ▪ Petroleum Gases and other Gaseous Hydrocarbons ▪ Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides and similar ▪ Other ARTICLES OF PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF OTHER MATERIALS (mittens, office and school supplies, Petri dishes, fitting for furniture, ear plugs and others) ▪ Paper products (including Handkerchiefs, cleansing or facial tissues and towels, Tablecloths and serviettes, and others) ▪ Optical products (including sunglasses, refractive lenses, others) ▪ Packaging material (including Packaging for contact with food)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electrical/electronic products (including Electrical and electronic appliances, Fluorescent lamps, Starters, Ballasts, Energy saving lamps, Solar panels, Photovoltaic products, Diodes, transistors, and other devices) ▪ Body care and health products (including Cosmetics, Sanitary pads, Baby diapers, Detergents) ▪ Automotive and transportation (including New Tyres, New Brake pads, New Other vehicles parts, New Motor vehicles, New Chassis, New trailers, New semi-trailers) ▪ Clothing and textile (including Blankets, Clothing and textile products, Shoes, Cotton cords and yarns) ▪ Toys (including all kinds of toys) <p>(Refer to the list of products for details on Verigates: http://verigates.bureauveritas.com)</p>
Second-hand goods:	Subject, except for second-hand clothing
Prohibited goods:	N/A
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charitable shipments, donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations to the government, to charities, to foundations and to philanthropic organizations recognized as being helpful towards the public, humanitarian goods imported by agencies like WFP, UNHCR, ICT, etc. ▪ Imports for diplomatic entities and for United Nations organizations for their own use ▪ Personal belongings
Minimum value subject to the programme (*):	USD 1000 (FOB value) Except for goods, as per SI 186 of 2023, falling under headings 8701, 8702, 8703, 8704, 8705, 8711, 8714 and 8716 where the FOB value is not applicable.

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	Compliance of goods to applicable international standards shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited/competent entities and/or testing.
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of plugs and sockets: 3 squared pins (BS 1363). Other kind of plugs could be accepted if provided with a compliant plug adapter (male part being compliant to BS 1363) • Voltage: products connected to the mains shall be rated 220V (230V accepted) • Frequency: products connected to the mains shall be rated 50Hz • Vehicles: it is recommended to have the Steering wheel on the right hand side (driving on left side of the road). However, vehicles with a steering wheel on the left hand side will not be rejected. • Scales shall be approved by the Superintendent of Trade Measures Section of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of Zimbabwe • Fight against Counterfeits • For cosmetic products, the list of ingredients shall be free from “hydroquinone” (hydroquinone is prohibited and shall not appear in the list of ingredients) (*)
Labelling requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language: markings and instructions required per the applicable standards shall be at least in English.
Other specific requirements:	N/A

4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)

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Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final invoice (pro-forma invoice is acceptable for application) • Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates: http://verigates.bureauveritas.com)

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, In-house laboratory of certified Manufacturer (after specific assessment)
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:	Applicable
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

- Route B – Exporter Registration
- Route C - Manufacturing Licensing

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

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

9. Fees

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Fees structure for:

- **General goods:**

Routes	Ad valorem fee as a % of the FOB value of the consignment	Minimum fee in USD	Maximum fee in USD
A	0.50	240	2 675
B	0.45	240	2 675
C	0.25	240	2 675

- **Consolidated goods:**

Routes	Ad valorem fee as a % of the FOB value of the consignment	Minimum fee in USD	Maximum fee in USD
A	0.65%	245	2 650

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The above fees, which are net of any taxes, cover the documentary verification and the physical inspections of the goods, **but do not include:**

- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Registration fees
- Manufacturing Licensing
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection
- Sampling of bulk shipments
- Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Other fees not mentioned above

10. Contacts

See contacts sheet for details on Verigates: <http://verigates.bureauveritas.com>

11. Other relevant information

The electronic Certificate shall be forwarded to the importer to be presented on arrival for Customs clearance.

(*) Updated information

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating Verification of Conformity and does not relieve Exporters or Importers from their obligations in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. Although every effort has been made to ensure the correctness of the information, as at the date of issuance of this data sheet, Bureau Veritas does not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions and, furthermore, the information may subsequently be subject to change as may be announced by the Authorities in the country of importation. Consequently, Exporters are advised to check with Bureau Veritas, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Certificate of Conformity.