

DATA SHEET – Pre-Inspection, testing and issuing certificates of conformity Program of Goods Imported into Iraq



1. Regulation

Authority:	Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC)
Notification:	24 th of October 2021
Starting date:	15 th of January 2022
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas and other companies appointed by COSQC
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to Iraq – Central Iraq
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentary review ▪ Control testing if any ▪ Inspection ▪ Facilitation procedures ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	N/A

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group I - TOYS. ▪ Group II - ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ▪ Group III - VEHICLES, BICYCLES, TYRES AND PARTS ▪ Group IV - CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS ▪ Group V - FOOD PRODUCTS : all food products except fresh meat, fresh fish, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits) ▪ Group VI - COSMETICS, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND CLEANING AGENTS ▪ Group VII - HOUSEHOLD HARDWARE. ▪ Group VIII - KITCHENWARE ▪ Group IX – CHEMICALS ▪ Group X – TEXTILE ▪ Group XI - HOUSEHOLD BURNING FUEL APPLIANCES ▪ Group XII – OTHERS <p>(Refer to “VOC Iraq – Products list” for details on Verigates: https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/iraq)</p>
Second-hand goods:	
Prohibited goods:	Refer to “VOC Iraq - List of specific banned products” on Verigates: https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/iraq
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical/pharmaceutical products (or border line products, except the ones with applicable Iraqi standards/Technical regulations - refer to “VOC Iraq – Products list”) ▪ Used products ▪ Products shipped to Iraqi Ministry or related administration with defined specifications from the ministry different from the VOC Iraq program
Minimum value subject to the programme:	No

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3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable Iraqi standard(s) and/or Iraqi Technical Requirements with Iraqi national deviations shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.</p> <p>In-house test reports may be considered when manufacturer is certified per ISO 9001 or other appropriate standard and when capability of the laboratory is demonstrated.</p>
National deviations:	<p>If electrical product intended to be connected to the mains (for example, provided with a plug), it shall have a rated voltage or rated voltage range including 220V and/or 230V and/or 240 V for single phase (and 380V and/or 400 V and/or 415 V for triphase). The plugs and socket outlets shall be one of the following types (UK type): BS 546 (2A, 15A, 30A) or BS 1363 (13 A). Adaptor shall be a BS 1363 (13 A) type. If rated frequency is indicated, it shall include 50 Hz</p>
Labelling requirements (*):	<p>All VOC regulated products shall have Arabic labelling in accordance with Iraqi standards and technical regulations.</p> <p>Marking of product name, warnings, required instructions for use and ingredients (If required to be marked by applicable standard) shall be in Arabic and country of origin shall be marked. Abbreviation of country of origin marking is acceptable for the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKJ: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan • PRC: People's Republic of China • UK: United Kingdom of Great Britain • KSA: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • UAE: United Arab Emirates • According to ISO 3166 "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions" requirements for CoO names composed from more than two words. <p>Examples :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UA or UKA: Ukraine - US or USA: United states - CHN or CN : China - IRN or IR: Islamic republic of Iran <p>Any other abbreviations shall be approved by COSQC</p> <p>Marking of "EU" or "European Union" as country of Origin is not acceptable</p>
Other specific requirements:	<p>Halal butchery: all meat entering Iraq must be Halal. A certificate issued by an Islamic Organization or Council or any Accredited Body in the country of supply has to be provided certifying that the butchery has been done pursuant to the Islamic Sharia regarding meat.</p> <p>Melamine: Melamine contents shall not exceed 1mg/kg for dairy products originated from China.</p>

4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final invoice • Packing list • Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...), if available • Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements
Application office(s):	

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5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, member of ILAC
Testing:	Full testing according to the applicable Iraqi standards and technical regulations with Iraqi national deviations.

6. Inspection requirements

Scope of inspection :	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products. Inspection required for shipments under: - Route A - Route B (if monitoring)
Destination inspection:	Destination inspection isn't allowed. However, there is an inspection at border (point of entry) which is performed to authenticate the CoC and check that the container has not been damaged / altered. The Entry Point Offices (EPO) of Bureau Veritas will check the CoC in order to make sure it matches import documents and matches with goods (when possible) and containers/trucks presented for clearance. The EPO may also be invited by Iraqi Customs, Iraqi Ministry of health or COSQC representatives to see opening/unloading of containers and trucks to check that the goods match what has been identified in the CoC. Upon Satisfactory completion of the inspection, the EPO will issue a Release note which will be provided together with the CoC to Customs to continue clearance process.
Witness of loading:	Upon request and wherever feasible for specific cases
Seal of container:	Upon request and wherever feasible for specific cases
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Facilitation procedures

The Pre-Inspection, testing and issuing certificates of conformity Program of Goods Imported into Iraq offers 2 different routes to demonstrate compliance:

- Route A - Basic PVoC process
- Route B – Registration

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Release Note for the inspection at border
- Discrepancy Note for the inspection at border

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9. Fees

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I – Fees for Verification of conformity in country of export

Fees	Shipment FOB value
USD 320	USD 0 - 80,000
USD 320 + 0.40% of the shipment value above USD 80,000	USD 80,001 - 200,000
USD 800 + 0.30% of the shipment value above USD 200,000	USD 200,001 - 1,000,000
USD 3,200 + 0.15% of the shipment value above USD 1,000,000	USD 1,000,001 and above

II - Fees for inspection at border (control of certificates and consignment)

Fee per Container (20" or 40"), per truck/ trailer, per LCL consignment (volume less than 20" container)	Container value*
USD 50	Up to USD 5,000
USD 75	USD 5,001 - 10,000
USD 100	Above USD 10,000
Fee per shipment (Sea Bulk - Commodities not containerized)	Shipment value
USD 250	-

Above mentioned fees are exclusive of tax

* "container value" is the total declared FOB value of the shipment divided by the number of containers/trucks/trailers.

The above fees cover the costs of documentary verification, inspection, the conclusion of the assessment (CoC) and registration. These fees do not include:

- Testing: to be quoted on a case-by-case basis
- Re-inspection in case of unsuccessful inspection
- Costs incurred by the exporter when presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Supervision of loading and sealing of containers
- Audits
- Other expenses not mentioned above.

10. Contact

See contact sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/iraq>
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11. Other relevant information

see <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/iraq>

(*) Updated information

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