

# DATA SHEET

## GHANA

### EasyPASS Programme



#### 1. Regulation

Authority:	Ghana Standards Authority (GSA)
Notification:	Notice to Importers published on November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Starting date:	Launched on May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018 Mandatory application from January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019 (Date of Shipment)
Appointment:	BUREAU VERITAS (BIVAC) and other conformity assessment bodies
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to the Republic of Ghana
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documentary review</li> <li>▪ Control testing</li> <li>▪ Inspection</li> <li>▪ Facilitation procedures</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of the assessment</li> </ul>
Remark:	N/A

#### 2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mineral products</li> <li>• Products of the chemical or allied industries</li> <li>• Plastics, rubber and articles</li> <li>• Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles</li> <li>• Pulp of Wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material</li> <li>• Textiles and textile articles</li> <li>• Articles of stone, plasters, cement, asbestos, mica...</li> <li>• Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones...</li> <li>• Base metals and articles of base metal</li> <li>• Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment; Parts thereof...</li> <li>• Non-exempted vehicles, Aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment</li> <li>• Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring... instruments and apparatus</li> <li>• Miscellaneous manufactured articles</li> <li>• Vehicle tyres and spare parts</li> </ul> <p>having their HS code (as per Ghana CET HS 2017) included below two first numerical digits: 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 3403, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 94, 95, 96.</p>
Second-hand goods:	Not subject
Prohibited goods:	<p>Second hand/used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undergarments and handkerchiefs</li> <li>• mattresses</li> <li>• sanitary ware</li> <li>• refrigerator, refrigerator-freezer and freezer</li> <li>• LPG cylinders</li> </ul> <p>Incandescent filament lamp except for motor vehicle lights, flood lights, halogen lights, spotlights or searchlights, airport runway lights, street lights and special purpose lights including theatre or stage lights</p>
Counterfeited goods:	Prohibited

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Exempted goods (*):	<p>- <i>Second-hand (used) goods</i></p> <p>- <i>On a voluntary basis: Ghana FDA regulated products* (Food products, Cosmetic products, pharmaceutical products and Household chemical substances), motor vehicles (except Agricultural and forestry tractors such as Farm tractors, forestry tractors, lawn tractors, etc.; Off-road vehicles for the carriage of goods and that do not travel public streets or highways such as forklifts, cranes, backhoes, bulldozers, etc...which are subject goods) and motorcycles.</i></p> <p><i>* EasyPass Certificate of Conformity does not preclude the products from meeting other Ghana FDA requirements/regulations.</i></p>
Minimum value subject to the programme:	USD 2000 (FOB value)

**3. Technical requirement**

Conformity requirements:	<p><i>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order*, in addition to national deviations, shall be demonstrated with testing and/or conformity documents issued by accredited entities.</i></p> <p><i>*Applicable standards in priority order: Ghanaian standards, then International standards, then European and National Standards, then Manufacturer Specifications in the absence of Ghanaian, International, European and National standards.</i></p>
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>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)</i></li> <li>• <i>Voltage: Products connected to the mains shall be rated 220V or 230V or 240V</i></li> <li>• <i>Frequency: Products connected to the mains shall be rated 50Hz</i></li> <li>• <i>Energy Efficiency Label is required for the below products. The label with the QR code, including the corresponding class shall be generated by the Energy Commission of Ghana and should be affixed to the products and their individual direct packaging at the country of export before requesting an EasyPass certificate (COC). For more guidance, please refer to the following link: <a href="https://www.energycom.gov.gh/newsite/index.php/regulation/energy-efficiency-ie">https://www.energycom.gov.gh/newsite/index.php/regulation/energy-efficiency-ie</a></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Clothes Washing Machines</i></li> <li>• <i>Industrial Fans</i></li> <li>• <i>Rice Cookers</i></li> <li>• <i>Computers</i></li> <li>• <i>Set-Top Boxes</i></li> <li>• <i>Ventilating Fans</i></li> <li>• <i>Solar Panels</i></li> <li>• <i>Microwave Ovens</i></li> <li>• <i>Storage Water heaters</i></li> <li>• <i>Renewable Energy Batteries</i></li> <li>• <i>Public Lighting</i></li> <li>• <i>Improved Biomass Cookstoves</i></li> <li>• <i>Television Sets and monitors</i></li> <li>• <i>Electric Motors</i></li> <li>• <i>Electric Kettles</i></li> <li>• <i>Air conditioners</i></li> <li>• <i>Distribution Transformers</i></li> <li>• <i>Comfort Fans</i></li> <li>• <i>Inverters</i></li> <li>• <i>Light Emitting Diode and self-ballasted Fluorescent lamps</i></li> <li>• <i>Set - Top Boxes</i></li> <li>• <i>Refrigerating Appliances</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>The remaining shelf life's requirement on arrival (time between the date of arrival at destination and the date of durability/expiry) should not be less than three months to the expiry date.</i></li> </ul>

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Labelling requirements:	<i>Markings and instructions required per applicable standards shall be at least in English</i>
Other specific requirements:	<i>N/A</i>

### 4. Application

Applicant:	<i>Exporter</i>
Application name:	<i>Request for certificate (RFC)</i>
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Final invoice (proforma invoice is acceptable for application)</i></li><li><i>Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.)</i></li><li><i>Quality certificate regarding the management system of the manufacturer(s) of the goods (if available)</i></li></ul>
Application office(s):	<i>Bureau Veritas offices</i> <i>See contacts list on Verigates: <a href="https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/ghana">https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/ghana</a></i>

### 5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	<i>Conformity document not available or not acceptable</i>
Laboratory criteria:	<i>ISO 17025 accredited laboratory</i> <i>Under conditions: manufacturer's in-house laboratories, other third party laboratories.</i>
Testing:	<i>Control testing according to the essential requirements of the applicable standards</i>

### 6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	<i>Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products</i>
Destination inspection:	<i>Not allowed</i>
Witness of loading:	<i>When required</i>
Seal of container:	<i>When required</i>
Sampling:	<i>In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)</i>
Type of report issued:	<i>Inspection report (IR)</i>

### 7. Facilitation procedures

- Route B - Registration*
- Route C - Licensing*

### 8. Conclusion of the Assessment

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

### 9. Fees

*Paid by Exporter*

**Fees structure:**

- Route A – 0.50 % of FOB value of the goods imported with minimum fee per shipment USD 300*
- Route B – 0.45 % of FOB value of the goods imported with minimum fee per shipment USD 275*
- Route C – 0.35% of FOB value of the goods imported with minimum fee per shipment USD 250*

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For registration fees (under route B), it shall be USD 375 for the first 15 products/ line items. Every additional product/ line item above 15 products/ items is charged an additional USD 20.

The above fees 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
- Container sealing if required
- Manufacturing Licensing
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection
- Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Other fees not mentioned above

### 10. Contact

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

<https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/ghana>

(\*) Updated information

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