

PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS – PVoC KENYA



1. Regulation

Authority:	Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)
Notification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pre-export verification of conformity standards (PVoC): Standards Act Cap 496, Law of Kenya and the Quality Imports Order No. 78 of July, 2005 & Legal notice No 127 of 19th June 2018 ▪ Enriched Certificate of conformity scheme (ERCOC): Executive office of the president Head of the public service decision OP/CAB9/83A of 4th June 2019
Renewed date:	February 19 th , 2018 (started in 2006)
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas and other companies as stated on KEBS web site
Scope of the regulation:	Verification of Conformity of goods exported to Kenya
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conformity documentary review ▪ Control testing if necessary ▪ Inspection ▪ Risk assessment ▪ Facilitation procedures ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	N/A






2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<p>PVoC: All goods (unless exempted) including the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and food products • Mechanical products and gas appliances • Electrical and electronic products • Chemical products (including cosmetic and hygiene products) • Civil & construction products • Textile products • Others (including toys, used products...) • Medical related products (food supplements, cosmetic products with therapeutic action, medical devices, herbals, other borderline products) <p>ERCOC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal medicaments • Balloons, dirigibles, gliders, hang gliders and non powered aircrafts • Explosives and pyrotechnic substances • Fresh chilled edible vegetables, roots, oil seeds, seeds, grains and others • Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti-sprouting products • Live animals, hatching eggs, fresh chilled carcasses and derivatives • Live fish, fish eggs, fresh chilled fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates • Medicaments, chemical contraceptive preparations • Radar, radio navigational aid and radio remote control • Radioactive chemical elements and radioactive isotopes • Ships, boats and floating structures
Second-hand goods:	Yes, Subject with Specific requirements. Used vehicles and their spare parts excluded, covered by a specific PVoC Programme.
Restricted goods:	See annex 1

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Prohibited goods:	See annex 2
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	Refer to the Annexes within the PVOC MANUAL_v9_1st July 2019 - Annexes available on KEBS website: (https://www.kebs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=59&Itemid=274)
Minimum value subject to the programme:	N/A

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order* shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.</p> <p>*Applicable standards in priority order: East African standards (EAS), then Kenya standards (KS), then International standard (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius UN ECE), then National standard, then Manufacturer specification in the absence of KS, EAS, International and national standards applicable to the product.</p> <p>When an EAS of more than 6 month old exists, it automatically applies in first place, even though there is a KS more recent.</p>
National deviations:	<p>If electrical product intended to be connected to the mains (220V or 230V or 240V), marking of the frequency shall include 50Hz (not applicable to lamps) and if provided, the plug shall be UK type plug (squared pins).</p> <p>Food and feed products containing GMO shall be properly labelled. If GMO content is above 1%, an approval from National Biosafety Authority is required before entering Kenya.</p> <p>Edible olive oil (except virgin olive oil), other edible vegetable oils & fats, maize flour and wheat flour shall be fortified with specifically added micronutrients before entering Kenya.</p> <p>For cosmetic products, the list of ingredients shall be free from “hydroquinone” and “Mercury” (hydroquinone and Mercury are prohibited and shall not appear in the list of ingredients)</p>
Labelling requirements (*):	<p>All labelling of packaging of imports shall include English and / or Swahili. Packaged goods (e.g. foodstuffs, chemicals, cosmetics, and similar) shall indicate the batch numbers and dates of expiration and/or date of production.</p> <p>All imports with a limited shelf life shall have at least seventy five per cent (75%) shelf life from the date of expected arrival in Kenya, if food products. The requirement is fifty per cent (50%) for non-food products.</p> <p>Certification evidences shall be provided when the following Kenyan certification marks appear on the products and/or their packaging:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div> <p>Imported products shall not bear the below KEBS Standardization quality mark unless it is affixed on empty packaging intended to be filled in with locally manufactured products:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Other specific requirements:	N/A

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4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final invoice • 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 • IDF (Import Declaration Form)
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declared FOB value • Declared HS codes according to EAC tariff book • UCR number (Unique Consignment Reference)
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates: http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/kenya)

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 Inspection required for shipments under : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Route A - Route B (if monitoring or shipments exported from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia and UAE) - Route C (if monitoring) - Route D
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading and Sealing of container:	Mandatory for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Route A FCL - Route D FCL consolidated cargo - FCL for used textile and footwear Upon request and wherever feasible for all other cases
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Facilitation procedures

PVoC:

- Route B - Product Registration
- Route C - Manufacturing Licensing
- Route D - Consolidated cargo imports

The following products are however not eligible for registration under Routes B and C (i.e. are subject to certification under Route A only):

- Sugar
- Cereals and pulses such as Rice, wheat, beans, Maize
- Fertilizer
- Animal and Fishery products (fresh and frozen- not further processed)

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- Fresh Dairy Products
- Fresh Horticultural produce
- Used or second hand good
- Cooking oils (edible vegetable oils and fats excluding olive oils)
- Lubricant oils, lubricants and based oils
- Socks
- Categories of products under the ERCOC scheme.

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC) or Certificate of Inspection (COI)
- Non Conformity Report (NCR) or Uncompleted Process Report (UPR)

9. Fees

Paid by Exporter

Fees structure:

- Route A – 0.60 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route B – 0.55 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route C – 0.35 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route D – 0.75% of FOB Value of the goods imported

For all Routes, the minimum fee per shipment is USD 265 and the maximum fee USD 2,700.

*The above fees cover the documentary verification and the inspection of the goods **but do not include:***

- *Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis*
- *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. Contact

See contact sheet for details

11. Other relevant information

N/A

(*) 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.

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Annex 1: List of restricted goods**RESTRICTED PRODUCTS (UNDER CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT- CAP 472)**

The following products are allowed to import in Kenya under certain condition.

3601.00.00	Propellant powders.
3602.00.00	Prepared explosives, other than propellant powders.
3603.00.10	Safety fuses; detonating fuses.
3603.00.90	Other igniters and electric detonators, percussion or detonating caps.
3604.10.00	Fireworks.
3604.90.10	Very (light) flares and railway signals.
3604.90.20	Rain rockets, anti-hail rockets and cartridges; distress and life-saving rockets.
3604.90.90	Other pyrotechnic articles.
8401.10.00	Nuclear reactors.
8401.30.00	Fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors.
8401.40.00	Parts of nuclear reactors.
8710.00.00	Tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, motorised, whether or not fitted with weapons, and parts of such vehicles.
8906.10.00	Warships.
9301.00.00	Military weapons, other than revolvers, pistols & arms of heading no.: 93.07
9302.00.00	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading No. 93.03 or 93.04.
9303.10.00	Muzzle-loading firearms
9303.20.00	Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting shotguns, including combination shotgun-rifles.
9303.30.00	Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting rifles.
9303.90.00	Other firearms.
9304.00.00	Other arms (for example, spring, air or gas guns and pistols, truncheons), excluding those of heading No. 93.07.
9305.10.00	Parts of revolvers or pistols.
9305.21.00	Shotgun barrels.
9305.29.00	Other parts of shotguns or rifles.
9305.90.00	Other parts of firearms other than revolver, pistols, shot guns or rifles
9306.10.00	Cartridges for riveting or similar tools or for captive-bolt humane killers and parts thereof.
9306.21.00	Shotgun cartridges.
9306.29.00	Parts of shotgun cartridges or air gun pellets.
9306.30.10	For sporting , hunting, or target shooting
9306.30.90	Other cartridges & parts thereof
9306.90.10	Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles & similar.....of war & parts thereof
9306.90.90	For sporting , hunting, or target shooting
9307.00.00	Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof.
-	Used Tyres (Banned, except for some importers holding valid licenses)
-	Motor Vehicles aged over 8 years – Acc.to KS1515:2000 (p.2.5.)- Banned, except in some cases
-	Motor Vehicles with Left Hand Drive (not accepted for registration, unless they are for special purposes)
-	Cosmetics containing substances listed in KS 1474-3:2004

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Annex 2: List of prohibited goods

Counterfeits and banned products list available on KEBS website: <http://www.kebs.org/> (see below):

BAN OF USED LUBRICATING OIL, USED LUBRICANTS AND USED BASED OILS: 08-06-2018

It has come to our notice that used lubricating oil is being recycled and packaged as engine oil or imported as virgin base oils by unscrupulous traders. To curb the menace, all lubricants and base oils imports shall be tested at source by the PVOC Agents under Route A to determine compliance with the requirements of Kenya Standards or approved specifications before the issuance of Certificate of Conformity (COC) for such consignments. Please take note that importation of recycled base oils shall not be allowed into Kenya.

BAN OF EGGS AND EGG DERIVATIVE/RELATED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA AND PROXIMITY TERRITORIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 16-06-2010

Following the reports of detection of contamination of eggs with melamine in China, Kenya Bureau of Standards has imposed a ban on the importation of eggs and other eggs related products from China and proximity territories with immediate effect. The related eggs products will include noodles, mayonnaise, animal feeds and animal feed inputs.

This is in addition to the earlier announcement on the ban on milk and milk related products and strict surveillance on all food and foodstuffs from China and related countries.

This exercise will be in force until the affected products are proved to be free from the contaminants.

BAN OF MILK AND MILK RELATED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA AND PROXIMITY TERRITORIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 22-09-2010

Following a global alarm of milk and milk related products and foods from the People's Republic of China and proximity territories, Kenya Bureau of Standards announces the following measures aimed at protecting the health and safety of Kenyans to take effect immediately:

All milk and milk related products from China and proximity territories have been banned from entering Kenya until further notice and review.

- All foodstuffs from China and proximity territories shall undergo 100% inspection in Kenya and the countries of origin before shipping.
- Foodstuffs and related products already in the Kenyan market outlets from China and proximity territories shall undergo surveillance to establish health and safety for our nationals and visitors.

BAN ON THE IMPORTATION AND SALE OF SUB-STANDARD DRY CELL BATTERIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 17-06-2009

A Kenya Bureau of Standards market surveillance team has established that substandard dry cell batteries are still on sale despite earlier Public Notices.

Importers, Retailers and the General Public are notified that the following dry cell battery brands, which have paper casing, are banned from importation or sale in the Republic of Kenya:

1. TIGER HEAD	2. EVERPOWER	3. EVERYDAY	4. DURA POWER	5. DUKE CELL	6. DURABATT
7. GOLDEN BELL	8. K POWER	9. SWAN	10. LONG LIFE	11. LONGOTTE	12. SONIC
13. LION BRAND	14. ECO ENERGY	15. EVER TOP	16. CHIMPANZEE	17. 777	18. CHARM
19. DURAKING	20. DOLE	21. MEGAPOWER	22. YARICO	23. PAIR DEAR	24. DOUBLE CAT
25. SOGO	26. GOLDEN POWER	27. GEEN ENERGY	28. SUNWATT	29. ROYAL	30. VOLTA SUPER
31. DOUBLE LION	32. MW SUPER QUALITY	33. BELL CELL	34. ST	35. DOMEX	36. MOON RABBIT
37. HIWATT	38. BRAVE POWER				

It is an offence under the Standards Act, Cap 496 of the laws of Kenya to import, offer for sale or sell the above batteries which have been found not to comply with the approved Kenya Standards. Consumers are advised to look for the Diamond Mark of Quality before making their purchases to ensure the safety of electronic equipment and a worthwhile quality purchase. If you come across these batteries in any retail outlet please report to the nearest Kenya Bureau of Standards office or seek the assistance of any law enforcement agency. **Diamond Mark of Quality Symbol of Product Quality Excellence.**

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BANNED COSMETICS - Posted on KEBS website on: 21-04-2009

The prohibition/ban is aimed at protecting unsuspecting consumers and discourages dumping of these products in the Kenyan Market. Hydroquinone, oxidizing agents and hormonal preparations are used for treating various medical conditions. They are therefore classified as drugs and should be applied only upon the advice and direction of a medical doctor.

All skin care preparations like creams, lotions, gels, soaps, etc containing hydroquinone, steroids and hormonal preparations should be registered by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of the Ministry of Health for medical use. Their use in cosmetics was prohibited through gazette notices 4310 of 14th August 1998 and 7169 of November 2000.

The Government wishes to state that the following products are registered with Pharmacy and Poisons Board to be used as human medicines for various skin conditions:

BETNOVATE, MEDIVEN, DIPROSONE, NERISONE, DERMOVATE, HYDROCORTISONE, OXY 5 AND OXY 10.

These products should only be used on the recommendation of a medical doctor and for such period of time as the doctor may prescribe. They should not be sold in the open market but only in registered pharmacies and chemists. Cosmetic products listed below contain hydroquinone, steroids, mercury and hydrogen peroxide. They have not been registered with Pharmacy and Poisons Board as medicines. They therefore, should NOT

SKIN LIGHTENING LOTIONS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE

- JARIBU SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- AMIRA SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- A3 CLARETOUCH COMPLEXION LOTION
- A3 LEMON SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- KISS LOTION
- RICO SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- PRINCESS LOTION
- PEAU CLAIRE BEAUTY BODY LOTION
- CLEAR TOUCH LOTION
- FAIR & WHITE BODY CLEARING MILK
- SIVOCLAIR LIGHTENING BODY LOTION
- EXTRA CLAIR LIGHTENING BODY LOTION
- PRECIEUX TREATMENT BEAUTY LOTION
- CLEAR ESSENCE SKIN BEAUTIFYING MILK

SKIN LIGHTENING GELS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE

- ULTRA CLEAR
- TOPICLEAR
- BODY CLEAR

SOAPS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS

- MOVATE
- MEKAKO
- JARIBU
- TURA
- ACURA
- RICO
- FAIR LADY
- ELEGANCE
- MIKI
- JAMBO

SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS

- PIMPLEX MEDICATED CREAM
- NEW SHIRLEY MEDICATED CREAM
- CREAM PREPARATIONS CONTAINING HYDROGEN PEROXIDE(H₂O₂)
- JOLEN CREAM, SKIN PREPARATIONS CONTINTING STEROIDS
- MOVATE CREAM, SKIN SUCCESS GEL
- HOT MOVATE GEL
- AMIRA -C
- NEU CLEAR GEL
- TENOVATE
- BODY CLEAR CREAM SPOT REMOVER
- VISIBLE DIFFERENCE GEL
- SIVOCLAIR CREAM
- ACTION DEMOVATE CREAM
- REGGE LEMON GEL
- ULTIMATE LADY GEL
- TOPIFRAM GEL PLUS
- AGE RENEWAL CREAM
- FAIR & WHITE GEL PLUS
- PEAU CLAIR GEL PLUS
- FASHION FAIR CREAM

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SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS

- TOP GEL PLUS
- SOFT AND BEAUTIFUL CREAM
- LEMONVATE CREAM, SECRET GEL
- TCB GEL PLUS
- UNIC CLEAR SUPER CREAM
- TOPIFRAM CREAM
- SKIN BALANCE LEMON CREAM
- PEAU CLAIRE GEL PLUS
- DARK & LOVELY GEL
- DERMO -GEL PLUS
- PEAU CLAIRE CREAM
- FASHION FAIR GEL PLUS
- HOT PROSONE GEL
- SKIN BALANCE CREAM WRINKLE REMOVER
- FIRST CLASS LADY CREAM
- SKIN SUCCESS CREAM
- NEU CLEAR CREAM PLUS
- JARIBU BETA - β CREAM
- BODY TREAT CREAM SPOT REMOVER
- CLAIR & LOVELY GEL, PEAU CLAIRE CREAM
- SOFT & BEAUTIFUL GEL
- ACTION DEMOVATE GEL PLUS
- PROSONE GEL
- SKIN BALANCE GEL WRINKLE REMOVER
- ULTRA-GEL PLUS
- PRO-ONE GEL MCA
- BETALEMON CREAM
- DARK & LOVELY CREAM

SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE

- JARIBU CREAM
- MEKAKO CREAM
- AMIRA CREAM
- TURA SKIN TONING CREAM
- YESAKO MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- RICO COMPLEXION CREAM
- MADONNA MEDICATED CREAM
- MREMBO MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- SHIRLEY CREAM
- KISS -MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- UNO21 CREAM
- PRINCESS PATRA LUXURY COMPLEXION CREAM
- ZARINA MEDICATED SKIN LIGHTENER CREAM
- ENVI SKIN TONER, VIVA SUPER LEMON
- AMBI SPECIAL COMPLEXION CREAM
- LOLANE CREAM, NADINOLA CREAM
- GLOTONE COMPLEXION CREAM
- NINDOLA CREAM, CLAIRE CRÈME
- MIC SKIN LIGHTENER CREAM
- TONIGHT NIGHT BEAUTY CREAM
- FULANI CREME ECLAIRCISANTE
- CLERE LEMON CREAM
- CLERE EXTRA CREAM
- BINTI JAMBO CREAM
- BUTONE CREAM
- MALAIKA MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- DEAR HEART WITH HYDROQUINONE CREAM
- MIKI BEAUTY CREAM
- CRUSADER SKIN TONING CREAM
- NISH MEDICATED CREAM
- ISLAND BEAUTY SKIN FADE CREAM
- MALIBU MEDICATED CREAM
- PALMER'S SKIN SUCCESS FADE CREAM
- CARE PLUS FAIRNESS CREAM
- OPICLEAR CREAM, CAREKAKO MEDICATED CREAM
- BODY CLEAR CREAM
- A3 SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM, AMBI AMERICAN FORMULA
- DREAM SUCCESSFUL
- SYMBA CREME SKIN LITE 'N' SMOOTH
- Ikb MEDICATED CREAM
- CLEAR TONE SKIN TONING CREAM
- CLEAR ESSENCE MEDICATED FADE CREAM
- AMBI EXTRA COMPLEXION CREAM FOR MEN
- CLEAR TONE EXTRA SKIN TONING CREAM
- O'NYIA SKIN CRÈME
- A3 TRIPPLE ACTION CREAM PEARL LIGHT
- ELEGANCE SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- MR. CLERE CREAM
- FAIRLADY SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- FADE OUT CREAM
- TOP LEMON PLUS CREAM
- CLEAR TOUCH CREAM
- CRUSADER ULTRA BRAND CREAM
- ULTIME SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- RICO SKIN TONE CRÈME
- BARAKA SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- PEAU CLAIRE CRÈME ECLAIRCISANTE
- PRINCESS MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- IMMEDIAT CLAIRE LIGHTENING BODY CREAM

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PROHIBITED PRODUCTS (UNDER CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT- CAP 472)

0506.10.00	<i>Ossein and bones treated with acid</i>
0506.90.00	<i>Other bones and horn-cores, unworked, defatted, simply prepared but not cut to shape, degelatinised powder and waste thereof.</i>
0507.10.20	<i>Teeth, of hippopotamus, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.</i>
0507.10.10	<i>Ivory, of elephant, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.</i>
0507.10.30	<i>Horn, of rhinoceros, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.</i>
0507.10.40	<i>Other ivory unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.</i>
0507.10.90	<i>Ivory powder and waste.</i>
0507.90.00	<i>Tortoise shell, whalebone and whalebone hair, other horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste thereof.</i>
0508.00.00	<i>Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked; shells of mollusks, crustaceans or echinoderms and cattle-bone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, powder and waste thereof.</i>
0509.00.00	<i>Natural sponges of animal origin.</i>
2844.50.00	<i>Spent (irradiated) fuel elements (cartridges) of nuclear reactors.</i>
9601.10.00	<i>Worked ivory and articles of ivory.</i>
9601.90.00	<i>Bone, tortoise-shell, horn, antlers, coral, mother-of- pearl and other animal carving material, and articles of these materials (including articles obtained by moulding).</i>
9306.29.00	<i>Parts of shotgun cartridges or air gun pellets</i>
9306.30.10	<i>For sporting, hunting, or target shooting</i>
9306.30.90	<i>Other cartridges & parts thereof</i>
9306.90.10	<i>Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles & similar...of war & parts thereof</i>
9306.90.90	<i>For sporting, hunting, or target shooting</i>
9307.00.00	<i>Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof.</i>
-	<i>Other Cosmetics containing substances listed in KS 1474-2:2004 (Banned)</i>