

INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR KUWAIT

Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme (KUCAS)

KUWAIT



1. Regulation

Authority:	Public Authority for Industry (PAI)
Notification:	Regulation of the "Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme (KUCAS)" mandated by the Public Authority for Industry (PAI)
Starting date:	Implemented since June 17 th , 2006
Renewal date:	N/A
Appointed company(ies):	Reports shall be issued by companies recognized by the governmental authorities, in the country of export such as BUREAU VERITAS (BV)
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to Kuwait under the regulations of the Kuwaiti Conformity Assurance Scheme(KUCAS)
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentary review ▪ Control testing if any ▪ Physical inspection ▪ Facilitation procedures ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	N/A

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<p>The products include the following categories as stated on the KUCAS Guideline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group I – Electric toys - Group II – Household & commercial electrical & gas appliances - Group IV – Chemical Products - Group V – Others - Group VI – Building and Construction <p>Please refer to the Bureau Veritas office for additional details on the products covered by the program</p>
Second-hand goods:	Not allowed
Prohibited goods:	<p>- A) As of August 1st 2017, the following lamps are banned from import into Kuwait:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incandescent Tungsten Filament Lamps for general lighting services in all their shapes and forms and caps working on household and commercial currents 230-240V, especially with the caps E27, E14 and B22 2. Halogen lamps substitutes to incandescent lamps having the same shapes and forms and caps for general services 3. Halogen lamps working on 12V using a transformer from 240/230 to 12V 4. It is allowed to import the following types of lamps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Incandescent lamps for industrial use b) Lamps for special use working on voltages other than 230/240V or 12V <p>B) All halogen lamps not included in Article A above are banned from import as of September 1st 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Products of Israeli origin or carrying Israeli symbols or flags - Any product considered offensive to Islam
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed

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Exempted goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Products holding “Kuwait Quality Mark” - New motor vehicles holding “GCC Conformity Certificates” - Diplomatic cars imported by Foreign embassies - Products imported in small non-commercial quantities - Products imported on a temporary basis (e.g. for display purpose) - Products forming contents of large industrial or government projects.
Minimum value subject to the programme:	N/A

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	Compliance of goods to applicable Kuwaiti, Gulf, international or national standards (respectively depending on the presence of such standards), in addition to national deviations shall be demonstrated with testing and/or conformity documents issued by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited party or by laboratories recognized by the Public Authority of Industry (PAI)
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Country of Origin shall be marked on each product (if the product is too small, it can be accepted on its direct packaging, this is considered on a case by case basis) - Instruction manuals for household appliances and/or equipment that can be used directly by the consumer, shall be at least in both Arabic and English languages - Instruction manuals for appliances and equipment to be handled only by professional technicians or in the industry shall be at least in English or Arabic language - If an electrical product is intended to be connected to the mains (for example, provided with a plug), it shall have a rated voltage or rated voltage range including 240V for single phase and 415V for three phase. if rated frequency is indicated, it shall include 50 Hz - Electrical plugs shall be fitted with UK type plug (squared pin), complying with KSS 367-1987 / KSS 393 (BS 1363) (up to 13 A fused) if appliance is rated not more than 2.5kW, or KSS394 (BS 546)(up to 15A) if appliance is rated more than 2.5kW (and less than 3.5kW). Other types of plugs may be accepted on a case by case basis.
Labelling requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following markings shall be in Arabic or English: manufacturer name (producing company), country of origin, in addition to the marking requirements as per the applicable standard - Labels, markings and instructions shall be legible, well stuck, and not easy to remove
Other specific requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low voltage equipment under the Gulf LVE regulation List 2 and Toys shall be marked with the GCC mark according to the applicable Gulf regulation

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
Required information:	NA
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates : http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/kuwait)

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5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory or laboratory recognized by the Public Authority of Industry (PAI)
Testing:	Control testing according to the applicable Kuwaiti, Gulf, international standards, and national standards (in this respective order of priority depending on the presence of such standards) along with national deviations when necessary.

6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading:	Not mandatory except for certain cases for lubricants or upon request
Seal of container:	Not mandatory except for certain cases for lubricants or upon request
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Facilitation procedures

- Please check with the Bureau Veritas offices for further details(*)

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Technical Evaluation Report (TER)
- Technical Inspection Report (TIR)
- Non-Conformity Report (NCR)

9. Fees

The fees related to TIR issuance are paid by the Exporters directly to Bureau Veritas/BIVAC Office handling the file.

Fees ^{1,3}	Declared value of shipment ²
USD 270	USD 0 - 60,000
0.4% of FOB value (with minimum USD 270)	USD 60,001 - 200,000
USD800 + 0.25% of FOB value exceeding USD 200,000	USD 200,001 – 1,000,000
USD2800 + 0.10% of FOB value exceeding USD 1,000,000	USD 1,000,001 and above

1: includes documentary review, shipment inspection and issuance of TIR as applicable, Issuance of TER and additional services which may be required (testing, audit, re-inspection, sealing...) are subject to additional quotation.

The fees are net of any taxes and duties.

2: Value of shipment is the FOB value of goods (without customs, insurance and freight charges).

3: These values may vary in certain countries.

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10. Contact

See contact sheet for details

11. Other relevant information

N/A

(*) Updated information

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