



Verification of Conformity
Secure your trade flow
Demonstrate compliance of your products



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**THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC
 REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**
 Verification of Conformity Program
 (PVoC)



Shaping a World of Trust





SCOPE

VOC PROGRAM

The Ministry of Trade of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has decided to enforce mandatory standards to enhance competitiveness and protect consumers. Accordingly, a notice to importers, which announced that imported goods at the ports of entry, under the list of mandatory Ethiopian Standards, should be accompanied with a Certificate of Conformity from an authorized Third party Inspection Body, was published in December 2013 on the website of the Ministry of Trade of Ethiopia.

OBJECTIVES

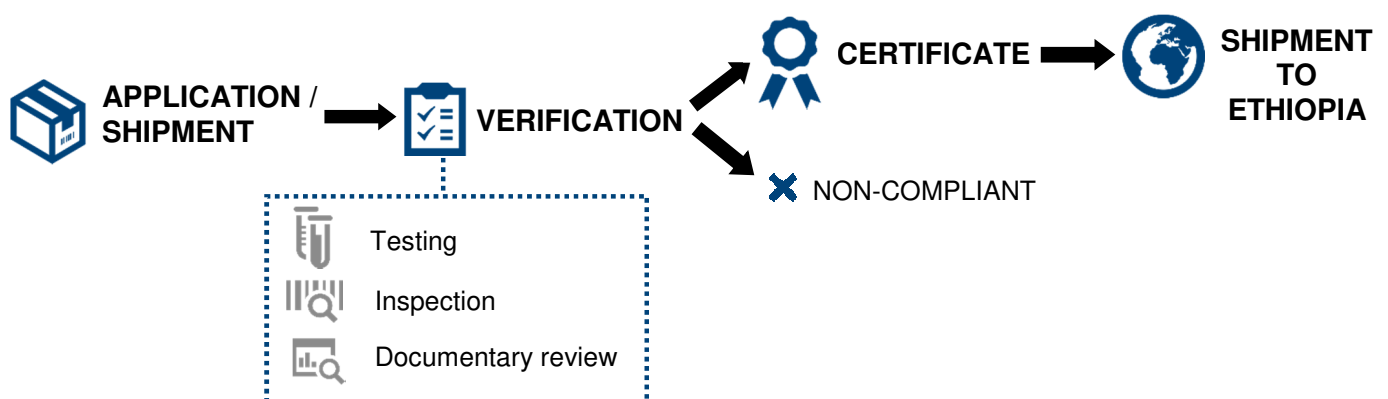
- Consumer and environmental protection
- Conformity assurance
- Faster goods release at Ethiopian ports of entry with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (CoC)

TYPE OF PRODUCTS COVERED

- Group I – Food and food products
- Group II – Chemical products
- Group III – Textile, leather, plastic and Rubber
- Group IV – Mechanical Materials
- Group V – Electrical and Electronics

Refer to “Ethiopia – Compulsory Standards and Regulated products” on <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/ethiopia> for details.

BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW





PROCESS

Step 1 : Request For Certificate

The Importer/Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate (Request possible on <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com>) to a Bureau Veritas local contact (see Contacts list).

This request should include:

- List and designation of goods intended to be exported, importer / exporter details (name, address, invoice, ...),
- Conformity documents available (ex: Third party certificate, Test reports, Reports of analysis according to applicable standards),
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out the inspection of goods before shipment (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form).

Step 2: Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews all information provided and checks their adequacy against the Ethiopian standards. Additional Laboratory testing / analysis are conducted on samples if necessary.

Step 3: Inspection

Bureau Veritas checks that:

- Products comply with applicable standards
- Goods presented are those identified during the documentary review
- Goods match their description in the import / export documents
- If necessary, Bureau Veritas inspectors may take samples for additional assessment.

Step 4: VoC certificate

Bureau Veritas checks the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory results, a secured Certificate of Conformity is issued. This certificate shall be used for the clearance of goods. When non-conformities are detected, a Non Conformity Report is issued. Exporters are advised not to ship the goods before issuance of the required Certificate of Conformity.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS ?



- Leader on Verification of Conformity programmes
- ISO Certification and Accreditation
- Founding member of IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies)



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