PROGRAMME OF VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY-PCEC
Congo (Brazzaville)

1. Regulation

Authority:	*Congolese Agency for Standardization and Quality (ACONOQ)*
Notification :	*Finance law 51-2021, Notice to Service Providers*
Starting date :	***May 1st, 2022** , Certificate required from July 1st 2022 (Date of arrival)*
Appointed company(ies):	*Bureau Veritas and other conformity assessment body*
Scope of the regulation:	*Conformity assessment of goods exported to CONGO-BRAZAVILLE*
Assessment based on:	▪ *Verification of product conformity to Congolese, regional, international standards and technical regulation* ▪ *Documentary review* ▪ *Control testing when needed* ▪ *Physical inspection* ▪ *Facilitation procedures* ▪ *Conclusion of the assessment*
Remark:	*N/A*

2. Products subject

Subject goods*:*	*All goods (except exempted ones)*
Second-hand goods:	*Subject*
Prohibited goods*:*	*Non-compliant goods*
Counterfeited goods*:*	*Prohibited*
Exempted goods:	• *Gold and other precious metals;* • *Precious stones;* • *Works of Art* • *Waste materials* • *Explosives, arms, ammunitions and other war materials intended to national armed Forces and Forces of Order;* • *Live animals;* • *Fresh vegetable and fruits;* • *Fresh and chilled fish;* • *Plants and floriculture products;* • *Cinematograph films for public screening, printed and developed* • *Newspapers and periodical magazines, post stamps, revenue stamps, bank notes, check books, passports and certain other printed documents;* • *Personal effects and used domestic objects* • *Personal gifts* • *Post parcels without commercial value* • *Express courier* • *Commercial samples* • *Crude oil or partially refined* • *Donations by foreign governments, international organizations to the State, foundations, charities, philanthropic organizations recognized as being of public utility* • *Imports for diplomatic entities or international organizations for their own use* • *Imports with a FOB value below Francs CFA 1'000'000 or equivalent value in another currency* • *Postal parcels relating to e-commerce products*
Minimum value subject to the programme:	*1 000 000 XOF (1 525 €) (FOB value)*

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	*Compliance of goods to applicable standards shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities, manufacturers' in-house laboratory and/or testing.* *Applicable standards in priority order: Congolese technical regulations and standards, then Regional standards, then International standards (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius, UN ECE), then Manufacturer Specifications in the absence of Congolese technical regulations, Regional standards and International standards.*
National deviations: (*)	• *Type of plugs and sockets: French type (EN 50075, NF C 61-314, NF C 61-315, Type E (CEE 7)).* • *Voltage: products connected to the mains shall be rated 220V (230V accepted)* • *Frequency: Products connected to the mains shall be rated 50Hz* • *Hydroquinone, glutathione, corticoids are prohibited in cosmetic products* • *Below food additives are prohibited in food products.* ***Preservatives*** — *E217, E232, E236, E237, E238, E240* ***Food acids*** — *E430, E459, E487* ***Flavor enhancers*** — *E636, E638, E641* ***Artificial sweeteners*** — *E956, E964* ***Thickeners*** — *E518, E1411, E1421, E1423, E1443, E1453* ***Colours*** — *E103, E111, E121, E125, E126, E128, E130, E143, E152, E154, E155, E161i, E164, E165, E166* *List of Congolese Technical regulations:* • *Decree n°2004-471 of November 17th, 2004, setting the conditions for importing and marketing iodized salt* • *Order n°11236/MDIPSP/MSP/MCA of August 6th, 2013, approving the standard for fortifying wheat flour with iron.*
Labelling requirements:	*Language: For consumer products, markings and instructions required per the applicable standards shall be at least in French.* *For industrial and professional products, markings and instructions required per the applicable standards shall be at least in French or in English*
Other specific requirements:	*N/A*

4. Application

Applicant:	*Exporter*
Application name:	*Request for certificate (RFC)*
Required documents:	• *Final invoice (Proforma invoice is acceptable for application)* • *Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.)* • *Quality certificate regarding the management system of the manufacturer(s) of the goods (if available)* • *Import License*
Required information:	• *HS codes* • *FOB value*
Application office(s):	*Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates: http://verigates.bureauveritas.com)*

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	*Conformity document not available or not acceptable*
Laboratory criteria:	*ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, Accredited / recognized laboratory by ACONOQ, In-house laboratory (after specific assessment)*
Testing:	*According to applicable standards*

6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	*Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products*
Destination inspection:	*NA*
Witness of loading:	*When required*
Seal of container:	*When required*
Sampling:	*In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)*
Type of report issued:	*Inspection report (IR)*

7. Facilitation procedures

- *Registration*
- *Licensing*

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

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

9. Fees

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Fees structure:

Routes	***Ad valorem fee as a % of the FOB value of the consignment***	***Minimum fee in EURO***	***Maximum fee in EURO***
A	*0.53*	*300 €*	*7000 €*
B	*0.45*	*300 €*	*7000 €*
C	*0.27*	*220 €*	*7000 €*

The above fees, which are net of any taxes, ***cover the documentary verification, the physical inspection (if applicable) and conclusion (CoC or NCR).*** *These fees do not include:*

- *Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis*
- *Registration fees: 375 € per registration of the first 15 products. 20 € per additional product*
- *Manufacturing Licensing*
- *Re-inspection due to vain inspection*
- *Witness of loading and sealing of the containers*
- *Audits*
- *Industrial inspections*
- *Other fees not mentioned above*

10. Contact

See contact sheet for details

11. Other relevant information

N/A

(*) Updated information

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