

# 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: (*)	<b>Launched on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022</b> Mandatory implementation from July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022 (Date of Bill of Lading) Relaunch from July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 (Date of shipment)
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Verification of product conformity to Congolese, regional, international standards and technical regulation</li> <li>▪ Documentary review</li> <li>▪ Control testing when needed</li> <li>▪ Physical inspection</li> <li>▪ Facilitation procedures</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of the assessment</li> </ul>
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 (*):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold and other precious metals</li> <li>• Precious stones</li> <li>• Works of Art</li> <li>• Scrap metals</li> <li>• Explosives, arms, ammunition, and other war materials intended for the national armed forces and law enforcement agencies</li> <li>• Fish, certain vegetables and fruit, fresh or chilled</li> <li>• Live animals</li> <li>• Plants and floriculture products</li> <li>• Printed and developed cinematographic films</li> <li>• Newspapers and current periodicals, postage or revenue stamps, stamped paper, banknotes, check books, passports</li> <li>• Personal effects and used household items</li> <li>• Personal gifts</li> <li>• Post parcels of no commercial value and Express mail</li> <li>• Commercial samples</li> <li>• Crude or partially refined oil</li> <li>• Certain donations from foreign governments, international organisations to the State, foundations, charities, philanthropic organisations recognised as being of public utility;</li> <li>• Supplies imported for their own needs by diplomatic and consular missions, by international organisations</li> <li>• Complete imports with a FOB value below Francs CFA 1'000'000 or the equivalent value in another currency</li> <li>• Postal parcels for e-commerce products</li> </ul>
Minimum value subject to the programme:	1 000 000 XOF (1 525 €) (FOB value)

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**3. Technical requirement**

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable standards shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities, manufacturers' in-house laboratory and/or testing.</p> <p>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.</p>												
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of plugs and sockets: French type (EN 50075, NF C 61-314, NF C 61-315, Type E (CEE 7)).</li> <li>Voltage: products connected to the mains shall be rated 220V (230V accepted)</li> <li>Frequency: Products connected to the mains shall be rated 50Hz</li> <li>Hydroquinone, glutathione, corticoids are prohibited in cosmetic products</li> <li>Below food additives are prohibited in food products.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Preservatives</b></td> <td>E217, E232, E236, E237, E238, E240</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Food acids</b></td> <td>E430, E459, E487</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Flavor enhancers</b></td> <td>E636, E638, E641</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Artificial sweeteners</b></td> <td>E956, E964</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Thickeners</b></td> <td>E518, E1411, E1421, E1423, E1443, E1453</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Colours</b></td> <td>E103, E111, E121, E125, E126, E128, E130, E143, E152, E154, E155, E161i, E164, E165, E166</td> </tr> </table> <p>List of Congolese Technical regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decree n°2004-471 of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, setting the conditions for importing and marketing iodized salt</li> <li>Order n°11236/MDIPSP/MSP/MCA of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, approving the standard for fortifying wheat flour with iron.</li> </ul>	<b>Preservatives</b>	E217, E232, E236, E237, E238, E240	<b>Food acids</b>	E430, E459, E487	<b>Flavor enhancers</b>	E636, E638, E641	<b>Artificial sweeteners</b>	E956, E964	<b>Thickeners</b>	E518, E1411, E1421, E1423, E1443, E1453	<b>Colours</b>	E103, E111, E121, E125, E126, E128, E130, E143, E152, E154, E155, E161i, E164, E165, E166
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Labelling requirements:	<p>Language: For consumer products, markings and instructions required per the applicable standards shall be at least in French.</p> <p>For industrial and professional products, markings and instructions required per the applicable standards shall be at least in French or in English</p>												
Other specific requirements:	N/A												

**4. Application**

Applicant:	Exporter
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final invoice (Proforma invoice is acceptable for application)</li> <li>Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.)</li> <li>Quality certificate regarding the management system of the manufacturer(s) of the goods (if available)</li> <li>Import License</li> </ul>
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS codes</li> <li>FOB value</li> </ul>
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates: <a href="http://verigates.bureauveritas.com">http://verigates.bureauveritas.com</a> )

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### 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

Paid by Exporter

**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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