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CONSIGNMENT BASED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (CBCA)



1. Regulation

Authority:	Somali Bureau Of Standards (SOBS)
Notification:	Public notice related to provision of Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) for Somali Bureau of Standards (SOBS) published on 15 th of May 2023
Starting date:	15 th July 2023
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to the Republic of Somalia
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of product conformity to Somali standards and other approved standards/regulations • Documentary review • Risk assessment • Control testing if necessary • Visual inspection • Facilitation procedures • Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	Official points of entry: Mogadishu (Sea Port & Airport), Kismayo, Merca, Bossaso, Galkayo, Garowe (except for Berbera & Hargeysa points of entry in Somaliland)

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	All goods								
Second-hand goods:	Subject (except Second-hand cars and all types of used vehicles / Chapter 87 of Somali Customs Tariff)								
Prohibited goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pork meat, fat, hair, blood, guts, members and anything extracted from it, frog meat • Recreation drugs and narcotics of all types of names and, forms • Liquors and intoxicants of all kinds • Chewing tobacco, naswar, snuff (sawika) • Any wastes, Industrial, pharmaceutical, chemical and their related side products • Foodstuffs made from animal blood • Equipment, machinery, and devices for gambling industry • Advertising materials for cigarettes <p>(Note: Prohibited goods may be exceptionally imported with a special authorization from the relevant Authority of the Federal Republic of Somalia.)</p>								
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Minimum value subject to the programme:	Consignment FOB value below 3000 USD may be shipped without a CBCA certificate. However, they will be subject to destination inspection by SOBS.																		

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order¹ shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities, in-house laboratories of certified manufacturers, governmental own laboratories and/or control testing.</p> <p>¹: Applicable standards in priority order: Somali standards, then international standards (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius, UNECE, SMIIC, etc.), then Manufacturer Specifications (Regional/national standards or other specifications) in the absence of above standards.</p>
National deviations:	<p>- Electrical product intended to be connected to the mains, rated voltage: 220V or 230V or 240V and marking of the frequency shall include 50Hz (not applicable to lamps). All types of plugs and sockets are allowed.</p> <p>- A Halal certificate must be provided for the products claimed/declared as Halal.</p> <p>- Motor Vehicles: Side of steering wheel: Left or right. Fuel engine: gasoline, diesel, LPG, compressed gas, Bio diesel, Hydrogen, Ethanol are allowed. Hybrid and electric vehicles are allowed.</p>
Labelling requirements:	Language: Markings and instructions shall be at least English
Other specific requirements:	N/A

4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter
Application name:	Request For a Certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proforma/Final invoice • Packing list • Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) • Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...), (if available)
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declared FOB value • Declared HS codes according to the latest edition of Somali Customs Tariff
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates : https://verigates.bureauveritas.com)

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, In-house laboratory (after specific assessment)

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Testing:	According to applicable standards and regulations
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6. Visual inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of Loading & Sealing of containers	FCL consignments under route D
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Facilitation procedures

- Route B - Product Registration - for goods already registered by Bureau Veritas
- Route C - Manufacturing Licensing - for goods already licensed by Bureau Veritas
- Route D - for consolidated cargo imported by registered consolidators with SOBS

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

- Second-hand products.
- Food commodities in bulk/large quantities (rice, wheat, sugar...).
- Fertilizers in bulk/large quantities.
- Petrochemical products, lubricants, LPG in bulk/large quantities.
- Steel bars for reinforcement of concrete in bulk/large quantities - Cement in bulk/large quantities.

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

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

9. Fees

Paid by Exporter

Fees structure:

- Route A – 0.6 % of declared FOB value of the consignment
- Route B – 0.5 % of declared FOB value of the consignment
- Route C – 0.4 % of declared FOB value of the consignment
- Route D – 0.6 % of declared FOB value of the consignment

For all Routes, the minimum fee per shipment is USD 265² and the maximum fee USD 5000².

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

- Testing: to be quoted on a case-by-case basis
- Registration fees
- Manufacturing Licensing
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection and overtime

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- *Sampling of bulk shipments*
- *Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing*
- *Audits*
- *Industrial inspections*
- *Other fees not mentioned above*

²: - *Under the minimum verification fee, inspection (if any) is not expected to last more than 2 hours.*
- *Under the maximum verification fee, inspection (if any) may last up to 8 hours.*
- *Any additional time needed due to the exporter (time to prepare the goods for inspection, time for loading in case of needed witness...) may be charged as overtime by Bureau Veritas.*

10. Contact

See contact sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/somalia>
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11. Other relevant information

<https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/somalia>

(*) Updated information

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