



# General Introduction -

# Government Inspections and International Trade

In today's world of trade, success is triggered by the ability to offer the right products at the right time complying with the exact requirements. With increasing globalization, the risk of products and materials not being delivered on time and/or lacking the quality agreed upon grows. At the same time business partners in different parts of the world have the common need for a guarantee that ordered components, materials and equipment align with given specifications.

As a result, governments implement Pre-Shipment Inspection programmes to ensure that imports comply with their national regulations. An independent third party like TÜV Rheinland provides pre-shipment inspection services to ensure that equipment, components and relevant documentation conform to contractual requirements.

Our extensive experience gained in global supply chain projects make us your preferred partner. You can benefit from our know-how and tailored solutions for your business.

# TÜV RHEINLAND IS YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER

### Local service delivery

Localization and support around the world, with more than 500 locations around 69 countries. All certificates prior shipment can be issued at all of our locations.

#### Speed & cost

Our one-stop service with one test and one-time document preparation saves you time and money.

### Brand & trust

Our test and inspection reports are recognized internationally.

### Access more markets

Our global service network facilitates greater global market access.

#### Facilitation of trade

Jump over language barriers by taking advantage of our multi-national teams.

### **SERVICE SCOPE**

- Algeria: Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Botswana: Botswana Standard Import Inspection Regulation (SIIR)
- **Egypt:** Egypt Conformity Assessment GOEIC
- Ethiopia: Ethiopian Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Iraq: Pre-Import Inspection, Testing & Certification
  Program of Goods into the Republic of Iraq (ICIGI)
- **Kuwait:** Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme (KUCAS)
- Libya: Certificate of Inspection
- Qatar: Verification of Conformity (VOC)
- Saudi Arabia: Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Worldwide: Commercial Inspections

# **General Procedure**

Document preparation and review

Testing \*

Pre-Shipment Inspection\*

Shipment Inspection report issued by TÜV Rheinland

Certificate of Conformity or Certificate of Inspection is issued by TÜV

Border Inspection\*

Market Entry

# Service

# Algeria



#### CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (COC)

The Exporter needs the Certificate of Conformity for any goods being exported to Algeria to conform with legal (Letter of Credit) requirements. The certificate must be issued by an independent third party inspection body being a member of IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies).

In March 2011, the Algerian Ministry of Commerce has published a note to all importers reminding the obligation they have to submit a proof of conformity. The obligation is enforced by law 09-03 issued on 25/02/2009 and decree 05-467 issued on 12/12/2005, on conditions and procedures of conformity control of imported goods at customs.

# Botswana



#### **BOTSWANA STANDARD IMPORT INSPECTION REGULATION (SIIR)**

Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) has implemented the Standards Import Inspections Regulations (SIIR). The main purpose of SIIR is to control the quality of the prescribed imports as listed in the regulations.

- Fire safety equipment
- Food agriculture (animal feed, dairy products, marine products, grains and vegetables)
- Electrical (household products, adaptors, sockets ...)
- Cement
- Tyres
- Safety glass

<sup>\*</sup>if necessary

# **Egypt**



### **EGYPT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (GOEIC)**

The "Verification of Conformity" Program (PVoC) regulates the import of several types of goods to Egypt. Furthermore, manufacturers or owners of trade marks should be registered at the Egyptian GOEIC (General Organization for Export and Import Control).

- Ready-made garments and accessories such as leather jackets, leather gloves, etc.
- Footwear (general footwear, sports shoes, safety shoes, protective shoes, occupational shoes)
- Ready-made garments including accessories like scarves, handkerchiefs, hats, gloves, etc.
- Home textiles
- Carpets, rugs and floor coverings
- Bags and purses made of textile
- Bags and purses made of leather
- Dairy products
- Canned and dried fruits
- Edible oils and fats
- Chocolate and cocoa products
- Sugar products
- Pasta, grain products (bread) and bakery products
- Fruit juice
- Mineral, natural, sparkling water and perfume ingredients

- Soap and detergents
- Floor cover
- Tableware, cutleries and utensils
- Sanitary ware, tubs, sinks, toilet and toilet seats
- Toilet paper, sanitary and cosmetic paper and baby diapers
- Household tiles
- Table glassware
- Reinforced steel bars
- Household appliances (stoves, blenders, AC system, fans, washing machines, fryers, heaters)
- Offices and household furniture
- Bicycles and motorcycles
- Watches
- Household lighting equipment
- Children's toys
- Garments, textiles, furnishings, rugs, blankets and shoes

# Ethiopia



#### ETHIOPIAN CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (COC)

The Ministry of Trade (MoT) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia requires that all imported goods, under the list of Mandatory Ethiopian Standards, are accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity for Custom clearance at Ethiopian ports. The relevant test reports issued by an ISO 17025 testing laboratory must also be attached to the CoC.

- Metrology
- Personal protective equipment
- Electrical engineering
- Packaging
- Textile and leather
- Fertilizers

- Food and beverages
- Chemicals
- Metal products
- Plastic products
- Paper products
- Construction materials

# Iraq



# PRE-IMPORT INSPECTION, TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OF GOODS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ (ICIGI)

The Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC) has put in place a Pre-Import Inspection, Testing and Certification Scheme. The scheme requires all imported products whose standard specifications were declared compulsory under the provisions of COSQC to be inspected for conformity to the relevant Iraqi Standard by COSQC before release onto the Iraqi market.

- Children's toys
- Electrical and electronic products
- Vehicles, tires and spare parts
- Construction products
- Food products
- Cosmetic products

- Household hardware
- Kitchenware
- Textile and footwear
- Household burning fuel appliances
- Miscellaneous

# Kuwait



# KUWAIT CONFORMITY ASSURANCE SCHEME (KUCAS)

Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme (KUCAS) is applicable to imported and domestically produced "Regulated Products". The KUCAS regulated products have been divided in six major groups, three of which require a "Technical Inspection Report" (TIR) to be placed on the market:

- Household-, commercial electricaland gas appliances
- Chemicals
- Others (e.g. facial tissue paper, cigarettes, melamine tableware)

Children's toys, automotives and building materials are out of the TIR-scope, but subject to local procedures.

# Libya



#### **CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION**

The Exporter needs the inspection certificate for any goods being exported to Libya to conform with legal (Letter of Credit) requirements.

The Central Bank of Libya issued the Resolution N° 96 of the year 2015 on

April 30, 2015 laying down the obligation to present a Certificate of Inspection issued by an international inspection company for all goods imported into Libya as a condition to open a documentary Letter of Credit (L/C).

# Qatar



### **VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (VOC)**

The Government of the State of Qatar and the "Qatar General Organization for Standards and Metrology (QGOSM)" have issued a set of strict rules regulating the import and sale of various products.

- Vehicle tyres
- Safety belts
- Wheel tims
- Brake pads
- Exhaust fans
- Electric irons
- Hair dryers and hair straighteners
- Children's toys
- Cosmetic products
- Flexible electrical cords
- Electric water heaters and heaters
- Electric ovens
- Toasters
- Microwave ovens

# Saudi Arabia



### KSA CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (COC) PROGRAM

The scope and field of application of this program is issuing certificates of conformity for all commodities and products intended to be exported to Saudi Arabia excluding the following items:

- Food and agricultural products
- Medicine
- Medical devices and equipment
- Crude oil
- Military technology



# **Commercial Inspection**

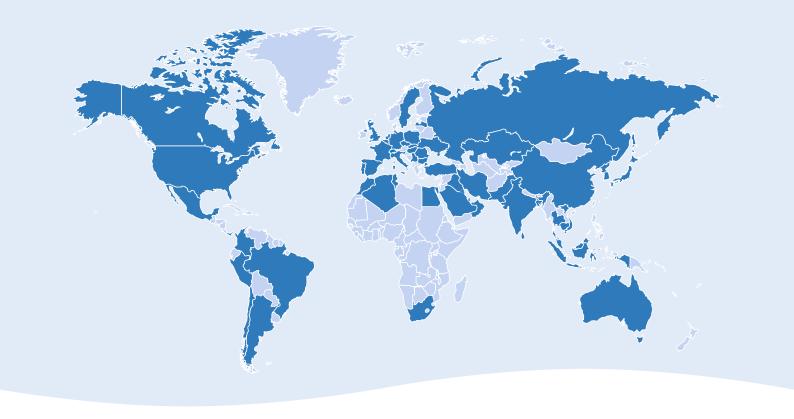
For many companies, international trade is a mainstay. Buyers often demand the goods to be inspected in terms of quantity, quality, price or conformity with the rules and regulations of the country of destination by an independent third party or within the framework of the Letter of Credit.

Commercial inspection is a service in the foreign trade that serves the smooth movement of goods. Commercial inspections can be conducted in connection with a letter of credit and to ensure that the supplies from the exporting countries are according to buyers requirements.

As an independent third-party we offer following services through an inspection prior to shipment and/after loading:

- Investigation of the delivery for completeness
- Proper packaging
- Conformity with rules and regulations, limited to the visible inspection
- Visual inspection of the condition of the goods
- Loading and unloading supervision
- Customer-specific inspection requirements

TÜV Rheinland provides a report after the inspection. The inspection report is usually a prerequisite for triggering the payment received from the customer in addition to other documents.



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