

PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVoC)

# EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

## OVERVIEW

The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) has implemented guidelines called the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards Programme.

It is a Conformity Assessment and Verification procedure applied to specific goods/products in the exporting country, to ensure their compliance with applicable Ugandan Technical Regulations and Mandatory Standards or approved equivalents.

Consignments subject to PVoC must obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for Customs clearance in Uganda.

## 4 STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT



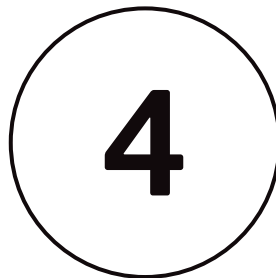
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## PRODUCT COMPLIANCE



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### Products Requiring a Certificate of Conformity

Every consignment of regulated goods exported to Uganda requires a Certificate of Conformity for clearance at Ugandan Customs. The regulated products shall comply with the Ugandan Essential Requirements, Technical Regulations and approved Standards prior to their export to Uganda.

### Products Exempt from a Certificate of Conformity

Exporters are advised to verify in the UNBS website for an updated and complete list of Excluded, Prohibited, and Restricted Products. The List also available on [www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com) these products include but not limited to:

- Drugs
- Agricultural
- Unwrought Precious Metals or Precious Stones
- Armoured Fighting Vehicles

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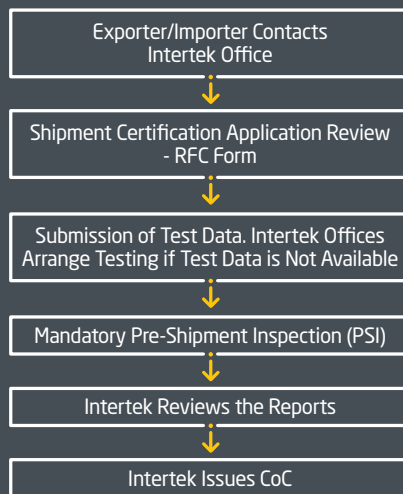
### Unregistered/Unlicensed Status - Route A

(For Occasional Exporters)

Intertek offers services in the evaluation of products according to the requirements mandated by UNBS. The evaluation process includes the following:

- Inspection of goods which includes verification of the product's essential markings and physical requirements as per approved Ugandan Standards and technical regulations.
- Testing according to the applicable product safety standard or technical regulation by an accredited laboratory such as Intertek prior to their export to Uganda
- Issuance of CoC on successful evaluation of Test Report and inspection.

#### SHIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROCESS



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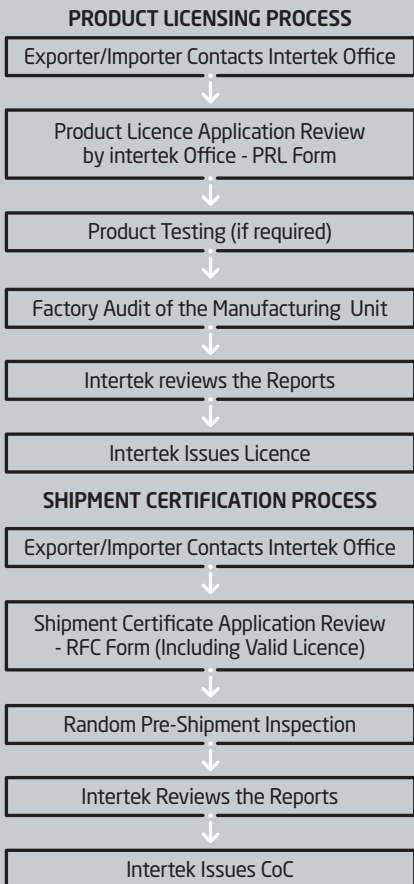
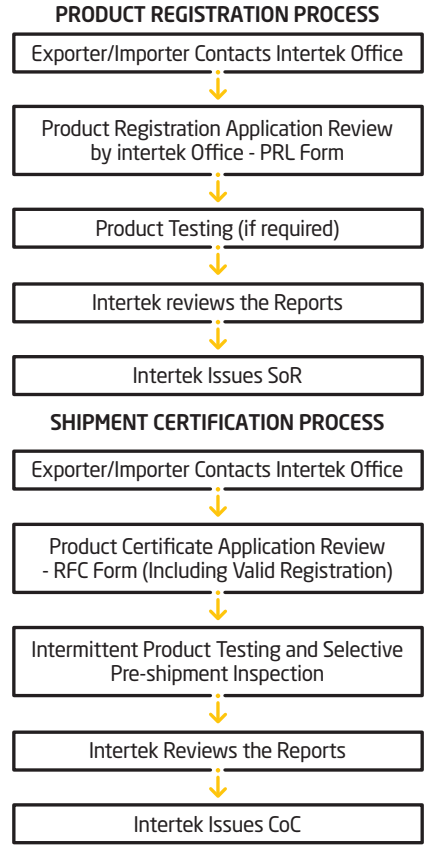
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## Registered Status - Route B (For Frequent Exporters)

Registration is issued to an Applicant under Route B and can be used for multiple shipments for a period of one year from its date of issue:

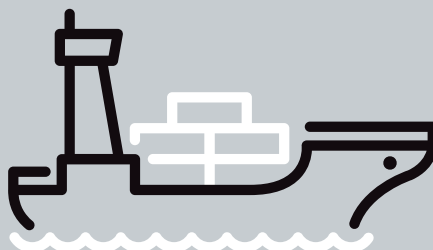
- Manufacturer / Exporter must demonstrate that their products comply with the Ugandan Essential Requirements, Technical Regulations and approved Standards
- An assessment to be made that products meet the level of compliance required before Registration is granted
- CoC will be issued on the basis of the valid Statement of Registration (SoR) and successful selective inspections of shipments



## Licensed Status - Route C (For High volume Exporters)

Licence is issued to Manufacturers under Route C and can be used for multiple shipments for a period of one year from its date of issue:

- Products must demonstrate full compliance with the Ugandan Essential Requirements, Technical Regulations and approved Standards
- Factory audit of all licensed product manufacturing sites to ensure compliance to standard(s)
- CoC will be issued on the basis of the valid Licence and successful random pre-shipment inspections



# 2 ROUTES TO EXPORT



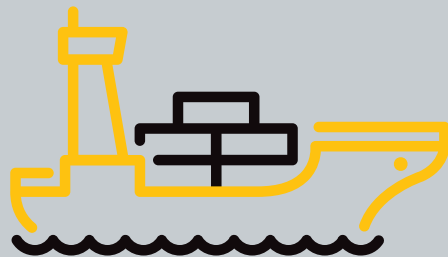
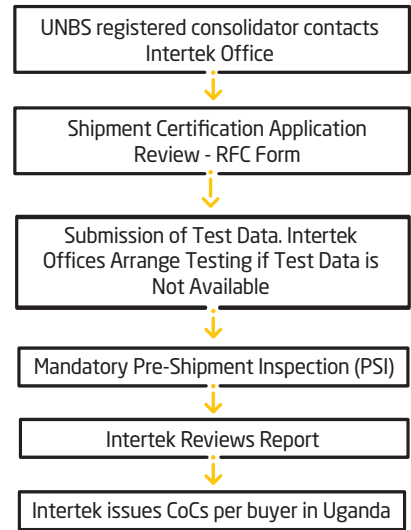
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### Consolidators Registered With UNBS Status - Route D

Intertek offers services in the evaluation of consolidated shipments according to the requirements mandated by UNBS. The evaluation process includes the following:

- Verification of Consolidator's registration with UNBS.
- Inspection of goods which includes verification of the product's essential markings and physical requirements as per approved Ugandan Standards and Technical Regulations.
- Evaluation of existing valid test reports or sampling and testing from the shipment according to the applicable product safety Standard or Technical Regulation by an accredited laboratory such as Intertek prior to their export to Uganda.
- On successful inspection and evaluation of Test Reports, Individual buyer in Uganda shall be issued with CoC for their products which have been consolidated along with products of other buyers into a single shipment by the registered Consolidator. Multiple Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) based on the number of buyers in Uganda will be issued.

#### SHIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROCESS



# 3 FEES FOR PVoC





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The party applying for conformity assessment and certification services is responsible for the payment of fees to Intertek.



**1. Registration and Licensing** - Fees for Registration and Licensing are payable by the party submitting the application.

**2. Shipment Certification** - Fees for Pre supply inspection are as stipulated and published by UNBS. The fee guidelines is as tabulated below


### Conformity Assessment Fees (Verification Fees)

Type of certificate	Route	Ad valorem fee as a percentage of the declared FOB value	Minimum Fee (USD)	Maximum Fee (USD)
Shipment Certificate (CoC)	A	0.50%	235	3,000
	B	0.45%	235	3,000
	C	0.25%	235	3,000
	D	0.50%	235	3,000

#### Notes

- The above-mentioned fees cover the documentary verification, inspection of goods
- The above fees exclude laboratory testing, registration and licensing of products
- Shipments of FOB value up to USD 2,000 are not covered under the Uganda PVoC; such shipments will be inspected by UNBS on arrival at Uganda Ports


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#### Key:

- CoC Certificate of Conformity
- FOB Free on Board
- PSI Pre-Shipment Inspection
- RFC Request For Certification
- SoR Statement of Registration
- PVoC Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity



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