The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Verification of Conformity Programme

NEW REGULATIONS
The Ministry of Trade of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has decided to enforce mandatory standards to enhance competitiveness and protect consumers. Accordingly, a notice to importers, which announced that imported goods at the ports of entry, under the list of mandatory Ethiopian Standards, should be accompanied with a Certificate of Conformity from an authorized Third party Inspection Body, was published in December 2013 on the website of the Ministry of Trade of Ethiopia.

OBJECTIVES
- Consumer and environment Protection
- Conformity assurance
- Faster goods release at Ethiopian Customs office with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (COC)

PROCESS

Request for Certificate
The Importer/Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate with Bureau Veritas (see contacts overleaf). This request should include:
- The list and designation of goods intended to be exported, name and address of the importer and exporter (invoice, …)
- Conformity documents (usually provided by the exporter) that may be available for the goods intended to be exported, such as: Third party certificate / Test reports / Reports of analysis according to safety/hygiene standards
- Information related to the location and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out the physical inspection of goods before shipment. (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form).

Documentary review / Testing
Bureau Veritas reviews the information provided by the exporter and checks the adequacy against the Ethiopian standards. If necessary, samples are taken and laboratory testing/analysis is carried out.

Inspection
The objective of the inspection is to check that:
- Goods presented for inspection are those identified during the documentary review
- Products comply with applicable standard
- Goods match the description in the import documents
In case of doubt, Bureau Veritas inspector may take samples for additional assessment.

VoC certificate
Bureau Veritas verifies the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory result, the secured Certificate of Conformity is issued. This certificate shall be used for the clearance of the goods. When non conformities are detected, a Non Conformity Report is issued.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS ?
- Leader on Verification of Conformity programmes
- ISO Certification and Accreditation
- Founding member of IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies)
### PRODUCTS COVERED UNDER THE VOC PROGRAMME

I. Construction materials  
II. Foods  
III. Fertilizers  
IV. Textile and leather products  
V. Detergents, soaps  
VI. Electrical products  
VII. Metrology and measurement equipment  
VIII. Eye Protective Equipment  
IX. Polyethylene films, Matches, boxes for packing rose flowers

### MAIN CONTACTS
(As per major imports partners - Additional contacts are available on the Contacts Sheet and on verigates.bureauveritas.com/ethiopia)

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