

# DATA SHEET TANZANIA

## PRE-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION of CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS (PVOC) PROGRAMME



### 1. Regulation

Authority:	Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
Notification:	Section 4(1) of Standard Act N°2 of 2009
Starting date:	01/02/2012
Renewal date:	01/05/2015
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas and other conformity assessment body as stated on TBS website
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to Tanzania
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documentary review</li> <li>▪ Control testing if any</li> <li>▪ Physical inspection</li> <li>▪ Facilitation procedures</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of the assessment</li> </ul>
Remark:	N/A

### 2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Toys and sports</li> <li>II. Electrical and electronics</li> <li>III. Automotive</li> <li>IV. Chemical products</li> <li>V. Mechanical material and gas appliances</li> <li>VI. Paper and stationary</li> <li>VII. Furniture (Wood &amp; metal articles)</li> <li>VIII. Safety (Personal protective) equipment</li> <li>IX. Food and food products</li> <li>X. Used Products</li> </ol> <p>For more details, please refer to the Products List available on TBS website</p>
Second-hand goods:	Yes, Specific requirements
Prohibited goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counterfeits</li> <li>• Used/re-treated tyres</li> </ul>
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods: (*)	<p>Categories of products that may not require a Certificate of Conformity under PVOC programme, upon an application request from Importer directly to TBS :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasoline, Automotive diesel fuel, aviation turbine fuel, illuminating kerosene and fuel oil;</li> <li>• Raw materials including sugar for industrial use, endorsed by Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI). To be eligible to exemption, the final products must have been certified by TBS under the TBS Mark Certification Scheme.</li> <li>• Assorted/consolidated goods for small traders;</li> <li>• Mining products/equipment except for foods and protective gear;</li> <li>• Investors capital goods;</li> <li>• Spare parts for use in industries to ensure good manufacturing of final products;</li> <li>• Materials for specific Government projects;</li> <li>• EPZ (Export processing zones) destination;</li> <li>• Charitable shipments that have received TBS exemption;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zanzibar destination: Imports made at a point of entry in the province of Zanzibar shall be subject to the PVoC program of Zanzibar (See Zanzibar Data Sheet)</li> <li>• Products sent for repairs outside the country;</li> <li>• EAC (East African community) manufactured and with certification mark of local bureau of standard (UNBS, KEBS, TBS, BBN and RBS);</li> <li>• Male condoms</li> </ul>
Minimum value subject to the programme:	USD 1,000

**3. Technical requirement**

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order* shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.</p> <p>* Applicable standards in priority order: Tanzanian standard (TZS), EAS standards, then International standard (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius UN ECE), then National standard, then Manufacturer specification in the absence of TZS, EAS, international and national standards applicable to the product.</p>
National deviations:	<p>If electrical product intended to be connected to the mains (220V or 230V or 240V), marking of the frequency shall include 50Hz (not applicable to lamps) and if provided, the plug shall be UK type plug (squared pins).</p> <p>Other kind of plugs could be accepted if provided with a 3 squared pins plug adapter.</p>
Labelling requirements:	<p>All labelling of packaging of imports shall include English and / or Swahili. All imports with a limited shelf life shall have more than seventy five per cent (75%) shelf life from the date of expected arrival in Tanzania. An exception is made for food products with shelf life of 9 months or more for which at least 6 months remaining is acceptable.</p>
Other specific requirements:	No specific requirements

**4. Application**

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC) Form
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final invoice</li> <li>• Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...), if available</li> <li>• Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements</li> </ul>
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declared FOB value</li> <li>• Declared HS codes according to EAC tariff book</li> </ul>
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts sheet on Verigates : <a href="http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/tanzania">http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/tanzania</a> )

**5. Control testing requirements**

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory
Testing:	According to applicable standards

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**6. Physical inspection requirements**

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading:	Not required
Seal of container:	Not required
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

**7. Facilitation procedures**

- Route B - Registration
- Route C - Licensing

**8. Conclusion of the Assessment**

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

**9. Fees**

*Paid by Exporter*

**Fees structure:**

- Route A – 0.53 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route B – 0.45 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route C – 0.25 % of FOB value of the goods imported

*For all Routes, the minimum fee per shipment is USD 250 and the maximum fee USD 5,000.*

*The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspections of the goods **but do not include:***

- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Container sealing if required
- Product Registration
- Manufacture Licensing
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection
- Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Other fees not mentioned above

**10. Contact**

See contact sheet for details on Verigates (<http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/tanzania> )

**11. Other relevant information**

Additional details available on Verigates (<http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/tanzania> )

(\*) Updated information

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