THE PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVOC) PROGRAMME IN KENYA

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Société Générale de Surveillance SA (SGS) signed a contract with the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) effective February 19th 2018 for the provision of Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVOC) on imports into Kenya, from all over the world apart from East African Community Countries. The program requires that all regulated goods imported to Kenya are assessed and a certificate of Conformity (COC) is issued as evidence of compliance of the goods to local or approved international standards. This is the 5th consecutive contract awarded to SGS as a result of a competitive tender. We will be providing PVoC services for 36 months.

WHY SGS?
- We now operate in all 19 zones!
- Our Contract Management Office in Nairobi will always find a solution to your case; proved by years of operations;
- We have a vast experience in delivering conformity assessment Services. With an unrivaled network, local contract management, a dedicated team of professionals and a superior software platform. We ensure consistency and speed;
- We have a Dedicated Account Manager for your files, who offers tailor made solutions for all your queries.
- Key Account Management is an option to have a client deal with one SGS office for all their certification requests. This helps clients who regularly import from a supplier who has subsidiaries in several countries globally;
- Ease of clearance upon the arrival of the shipment thanks to the support of our team on site at JKIA;
- Exporter portal- A web based app that allows clients to submit in an easy way, online requests for Certificates of conformity and that also includes a tracking service, a status and communication module;
- Public Tracking-The client who has not created an account on the exporter portal can access our system and check status of their account(ies) 24/7 using an internet enabled mobile phone, tablet or computer. There are 3 different Routes of Verification that take into consideration the client’s needs and nature of products.

ROUTE A
- This route applies to exporters of ad-hoc consignments or sensitive goods e.g. sugar, cereals, second-hand clothes etc.
- Documents proving conformity of goods to Kenyan Standards or approved International Standards are mandatory for every consignment i.e. Test Reports, CE declaration, Manufacturers specification, ISO Certificates;
- Inspection is Mandatory for every consignment

ROUTE B
- This route applies to frequent exporters and manufacturers of homogeneous goods e.g. computers, automotive spare parts, appliances, apparel, processed food, cosmetics etc.
- Upon proof of conformity Statement of Registration is issued that will be valid for 1 year, and will be submitted during application for every consignment;
- Inspection may be waived for highly compliant parties

ROUTE C
- This route applies only to manufacturers or to their authorized representatives. It involves auditing of the factory where goods are manufactured;
- Testing of goods is conducted at an accredited lab;
- License is issued and is valid for 1 year;
- No inspection is required, and a CoC is issued within 24hrs upon receipt of complete documents

ROUTE D
- This route applies only to registered consolidators. An application is made when a packing list and commercial invoice are submitted to SGS. Physical inspection is done within 48 hours, checking actual quantities as per packing list and a certificate of inspection (COI) is issued;
- High risk products may be tested before loading. Otherwise they will be subjected to testing at destination by KEBS.

NOTE: Application MUST be placed before consignment leaves country of origin.