

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

TRADING WITH AFRICA

Intertek's Total Quality Assurance expertise
supporting Exporters and Importers with Health
and Beauty Products to Africa

Many governments within the African continent have put stringent requirements in place to ensure their consumers are protected from sub-standard products and goods.

Conformity Assessment or Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards are one type of programme implemented to verify safety and quality of goods which require a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) to clear Customs.

Health and Beauty products have specific and different requirements depending on the country of import.

Intertek can help you bring the quality and safety of your goods to life for consumers in Africa.

Intertek has been working in the Africa for many years as an Accredited Certification Body, assessed and approved by the applicable government departments. We are competent to test and certify your shipments with our global network of laboratories and offices offering a range of services to our clients covering more countries than ever before.

The main African cosmetics regulation requirements are:

- Compliance to national or regional standard (such as for EAC: EAS 377 for composition, and EAS 346 for labelling)
- Specific product requirements, as per national or regional standards: total fatty matter, pH range, surfactant content.
- Labelling should be in English and /or other local language
- Production & expiry date are required
- Conformity assessment, testing, inspection and certification is mandatory in many African countries
- For exports of Cosmetics to Gabon they will need to be compliant as per EC1223/2009

Egypt - GOEIC

The Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade in Egypt implemented new import regulations at the end of 2015. Manufacturers or Trademark Owners of regulated products must register with Egypt's General Organisation of Export and Import Control (GOEIC). A Certificate of Inspection (Col) is then required. Intertek can facilitate Registration and issue the Col, only Manufacturers and Trademark Owners can apply. Cosmetics are regulated products and should be assessed as per European Standards.

Uganda - UNBS

The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) implemented its PVoC Programme in 2012.

As with Kenya all exports of regulated products require a CoC issued by an Approved Inspection Body for Customs clearance. Intertek has been approved by UNBS to support this programme by supplying services to issue the PVoC Certificate to exporters Uganda's standard catalogue also includes product specific standards, that need careful assessment.

However, these are generally increasingly approved as regional standards, then they are applicable for all East African Community countries and not only for Uganda.

Tanzania - TBS

As with Kenya and Uganda all exports of regulated products including Cosmetics require a CoC. Intertek is TBS approved.

Ivory Coast – CODINORM - VOC

Exporters/Importers trading with Ivory Coast need to comply with the requirements of the Ministère du Commerce de l'Artisanat et de la Promotion des PME (MCAPPME) and obtain the mandatory Certificate of Conformity..

Cameroon - ANOR - PECAE

The Agence des Normes et de la Qualite (ANOR), put in place the Cameroon Conformity Assessment Programme officially known as PECAE (Programme d'Evaluation de la Conformité Avant Embarquement), involving conformity assessment verification of imported carried out in the country of export, in order to ensure their conformity to the applicable National Cameroonian Standards and Technical Regulations. Cosmetics are regulated and are deemed as high risk products.

Assuring Cosmetics Compliance

To meet the challenges of the marketplace, evolving legislation and ever-changing consumer needs, high quality and effective evaluation of your products is essential.

With our team of experts, we are able to define tailor made solutions.

- Compliance verification of formulation and artwork including regulatory review as per GS01943/2016, EC1223/2009, EAS377, EAS346.
- Study of restricted and prohibited ingredients in formulas, check of spelling of the ingredients.
- Check of mandatory markings on artwork such as : Arabic language as per GS01943/2016), spelling and order of the ingredients
- Regulatory training on export compliance requirements
- Manufacturing plant audit to achieve ISO22176 compliance
- Quality inspections of finished products to client specifications.
- Testing of materials and end products to specified standards, efficiency test, patch test.

Our experts have over 30 years knowledge and experience in providing safety and efficacy services for the healthcare and beauty product industry. Partnership with Intertek brings you access to world-class expertise that facilitates a faster route to market through a one-source solution for cost effective services.

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