

# FAQs ABOUT KURDISTAN CBCA

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## 1.0. INTRODUCTION

1. **Q What does CBCA stand for?**

**A** CBCA is an acronym for Consignment Based Conformity Assessment. CBCA incorporates elements of conformity assessment, consignment inspection, testing and consignment certification schemes to assist Exporters and Importers in demonstrating compliance with the essential requirements, national, regional and international standard requirements prior to the export of the consignment to Kurdistan.

2. **Q What is the Kurdistan CBCA Programme ?**

**A** The Kurdistan CBCA is a Conformity Assessment Programme (CAP) mandated by the Central Kurdistan Government Body “New Standard Company” (NSC) for regulated product consignments exported to Kurdistan. The programme aims to ensure that all regulated product consignments exported to Kurdistan from the various exporting countries comply with applicable Kurdistan national, regional or international standards and technical regulations.

3. **Q What is the main objectives of the Kurdistan CBCA Programme ?**

**A** The main objectives of the Kurdistan CBCA Programme are:

- To ensure that products imported into the Kurdistan region meet the security, safety, health and environmental requirements as per the sanctioned standards and technical regulations approved by the relevant Kurdistan Authorities.
- To provide assurance to the consumers of Kurdistan that the products imported into the country are free from potential hazards and fit for use.
- To help legitimate and compliant Exporters and Importers to quickly clear Customs process without the risk of rejection of consignments
- To avoid costly delays at the ports and rejection of consignments, if the consignments are found to include dangerous and unsafe products.
- To streamline Custom clearance procedures, promote healthy and fair competition.

## 2.0. REGULATED PRODUCT LIST

4. **Q What products are regulated under the Kurdistan CBCA Programme ?**

**A** The Kurdistan CBCA programme includes a list of Regulated Products based on the mandated Standards and Technical Regulations of Kurdistan.

The Regulated Products list is available for reference/download at Intertek’s weblink <https://www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/>

## 3.0. CERTIFICATION

5. **Q How does the certification process under the Kurdistan CBCA Programme work?**

**A** All Regulated Product shipments exported to Kurdistan must be accompanied with a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for its clearance at certain Kurdistan Ports and Borders. Each consignment of Regulated Products shall require satisfactory conformity supporting documents which shall cover the essential requirements and demonstrate that the products in question comply with the relevant Technical Regulations and Standards of Kurdistan or with equivalent International Standards.

The CoC must be presented by the Importer/Importer's representative to the Kurdistan Customs for Clearance of their goods.

6. **Q What is Product Registration?**

**A** Product Registration is a pre-shipment conformity verification process involving the technical evaluation of the products to the applicable CBCA Technical Regulation/Standards requirements in order to determine the conformity of the products to these requirements.

Product Registration would benefit Exporter/Importer in terms of quicker turnaround time required for certification of the shipment and reduced certification costs.

7. **Q What are the benefits of obtaining a CoC Certificate of Conformity?**

**A** The CoC is an obligatory Kurdistan Customs clearance document for regulated Products imported into Kurdistan from various Countries of Supply. Regulated Product shipments arriving at certain Kurdistan Ports/Borders accompanied with a CoC will benefit from a quicker Custom Clearance at Kurdistan Ports and Borders.

8. **Q What will happen if the Regulated Product shipments arrive at the Kurdistan Ports/Border without a CoC?**

**A** Regulated product shipments arriving at Kurdistan Ports and Borders without a CoC will be rejected and subjected to other administrative procedures and controls by the Kurdistan authorities.

9. **Q Who is authorized to issue the CoC?**

**A** Intertek has been appointed as the sole Certification and Inspection Body authorized to issue CoCs for Kurdistan within the rules and requirements of the Kurdistan CBCA Programme. Intertek has established a global network of Customer Service Centres in all the major countries trading with Kurdistan. The Intertek Office which is located close to the Exporter can help facilitate the issuance of CoCs for the Exporter's regulated product shipments. The full list of Intertek's Customer Service Centres can be found here <https://www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/>.

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10. **Q How many certification routes are available under the Kurdistan CBCA?**  
**A** The Kurdistan CBCA includes the following three (3) consignment certification Routes subject to the frequency of the consignments and the type of Exporter.
- Route A – For Unregistered/Unlicensed products
  - Route B – For Registered Products
  - Route C – Licensed Product Consignments
11. **Q Can voluntary certification or inspection be applied to non-regulated product consignments shipped to Kurdistan?**  
**A** Certification and inspection of non-regulated product consignments are not permitted under Kurdistan CBCA. However, such shipments can be certified under commercial inspection.
12. **Q Is Destination Inspection allowed for regulated product consignments under Kurdistan CBCA?**  
**A** No, Destination Inspection is not allowed for any regulated product consignment on its arrival at Kurdistan Ports/Borders. Pre-shipment inspection shall be done in the Country of Supply.
13. **Q Is it acceptable to transit the imported regulated product consignments from Haji Omran Port to Kurdistan territory?**  
**A** Yes, it is acceptable for the regulated product consignments to transit from Haji Omran Port to Kurdistan territory. Haji Omran Port is an international Border crossing Point between Iran and Kurdistan used for Commercial transit of goods. It may be noted that it is not allowed to certify regulated shipments to Kurdistan originating from Iran.
- Regulated product consignments discharged at other Kurdistan Ports and Borders aside from the two nominated Ports ( Ibrahim Al Khalil Port and Haji Omran Port ) are currently not subject to the CBCA and hence do not require a CoC for their Customs clearance.
14. **Q Who has to demonstrate compliance with the Kurdistan CBCA Programme?**  
**A** The Exporter shall bear the responsibility for demonstrating compliance to the requirements of the Kurdistan CBCA Programme. Accordingly, the Conformity Assessment Procedures shall be undertaken at the Country of Supply.
15. **Q How can I obtain further information about the Kurdistan CBCA Programme?**  
**A** You can contact your nearest Intertek Office for detailed information on the Kurdistan CBCA Programme or you may visit <https://www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/exports-kurdistan/>

## 4.0. FEES

16. **Q** What will it cost to comply with the requirements of the Kurdistan CBCA Programme ?


**A** The fees for demonstrating compliance with the Kurdistan CBCA Programme are available in the Exporter and Importer Guidelines document which can be obtained from your local Intertek Office, or it can be downloaded from the <https://www.intertek.com/government/> website.

## 5.0. CONTACT

17. **Q** Where is Intertek's Office in Kurdistan?

**A** Intertek's Office in Kurdistan is located in the city of Erbil. Below are the contact details and their address.

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