

Exporting Cosmetics

Helping you comply with import and export requirements.

Exporters/Importers trading cosmetic products around the world need to comply with the certain certification requirements to ensure smooth customs clearance in those countries they are trading with.

Certificates of Conformity are required to show that your products meet the quality and safety standards of the country you are exporting too, failure to do so can mean that your shipments are delayed at customs or returned to you. In some cases you could also be fined.

Intertek has continued to expand its network of laboratories and offices around the world and we are now able to offer a greater range of services to our clients covering more countries than ever before.





The Intertek solution to Product Conformity for Cosmetics

Our flexible approach means that we are able to develop services to suit your needs, and your dedicated Intertek Export Consultant will be pleased to discuss these services with you and keep you up to date on any changes to legislation or requirements. Below are just a few of the countries we currently operate programmes for which exporters of cosmetics to obtain conformity certification:

Kenya

In 2005, Intertek was awarded a contract by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) to operate the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards programme on its behalf in regions such as the UK, Central Europe, Central and Southern America, Southern Asia, Middle East, Central and South Africa. Full details of Kenya programme can be found on our website including the complete list of regulated products and Intertek's simply routes to certification.

Russia

Exporters/Importers trading cosmetic products with Russia need to comply with the certain certification requirements. From February 2010 new rules for certification and declaration of conformity of cosmetic products exported to Russia came into force.

This follows on from Decree No. 982 dd December 1st 2009 regarding GOST-R certification systems. Specifically the decree cancels mandatory certification and requires Declarations of Conformity, meaning that cosmetic safety is now to be confirmed by issuing a Declaration of Conformity.

The Declaration of Conformity is equal in legal power to the Certificate of Conformity and is required for Customs clearance.

Saudi Arabia

All Consumer Goods including cosmetics that are imported into the country are now required to have a Certificate of Conformity to clear customs.

Intertek, having pioneered the conformity programme in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in 1995 have issued over a million certificates of conformity for shipments exported to the Kingdom. Our certificates continue to be accepted and trusted by KSA Customs officials ensuring smoother customs clearance for our client's goods.

China

The ever-growing China economy has attracted the entry of numerous international cosmetic brands. Intertek, having comprehensive knowledge insight in China's laws and regulations, assists overseas brands with successful entry into the Chinese market through our Administrative License Application Services.

Uganda

The Uganda National Bureau of Standards has introduced a Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standards programme. Intertek is authorized to issue the necessary certificates. They have issued a list of regulated products requiring a Certificate of Conformity prior to shipment including cosmetics.

Whilst adherence to the PVoC is completely voluntary at this time, those consignments arriving without a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) as per the PVoC will be subject to a destination inspection by UNBS upon arrival at Ugandan ports and borders. In most cases this can cause a delay in goods clearing Customs.

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