



Verification of Conformity

Boost your exports

Demonstrate compliance of your products



COTE D'IVOIRE Verification of Conformity Programme (VoC)



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SCOPE



VOC PROGRAMME

Bureau Veritas has been appointed by **Ministry of Commerce, Crafts and SME Promotion** to implement the **Verification of Conformity Programme (VoC)**.

Bureau Veritas verifies, in the region of export and prior to shipment, the conformity of the goods to Ivoirian and/or international standards and issues the Certificate of Conformity that is required for Customs clearance of the goods in Côte d'Ivoire.

OBJECTIVES

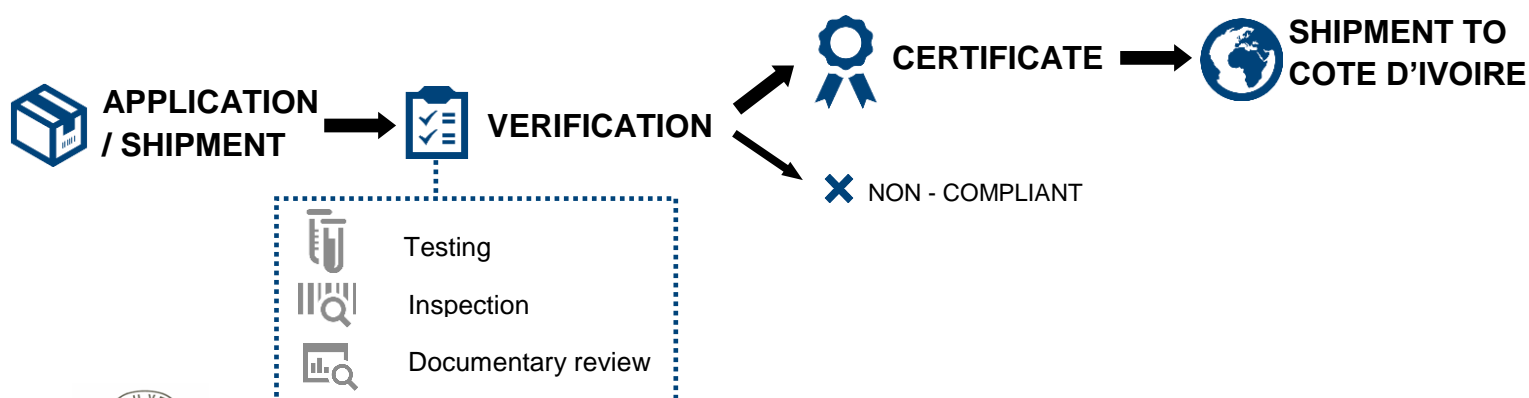
- **Protection of the consumers and the industries**
- **Protection of the environment**
- **Conformity Assurance**
- **Swift customs clearance with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (CoC)**

LIST OF PRODUCTS

The below product categories are subject to the VoC programme:

- I. Food products
- II. Electrical and electronic products or products of renewable energies
- III. Cosmetics and hygiene products
- IV. Building materials
- V. Packaging
- VI. Auto spare parts, auto accessories and lubricants
- VII. Machinery
- VIII. Pressure equipment
- IX. Personal protective equipment
- X. Other products linked to health, safety and environment
- XI. Textile
- XII. Footwear
- XIII. Toys

BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW





PROCESS

Step 1 : Request for Certificate

Importer / Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate (Request possible on <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com>) to a Bureau Veritas local contact. Said request should include:

- List, designation of goods intended to be exported, importer / exporter details (name, address, invoice, ...),
- Conformity documents available (ex: Third party certificate, Test reports, Reports of analysis according to applicable standards),
- Certificate of the manufacturer according to ISO 9001 or other quality standard such as ISO 22000, ISO/TS 16949, ISO 13485... if any,
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out their physical inspection before shipment (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form).

Step 2 : Routes to compliance

To facilitate trade and adjust intervention to the risk, 3 different routes are available in the VoC Programme to demonstrate compliance:

- Route **A**: Any good, any trader
- Route **B** (Registration): Goods already registered by Bureau Veritas
- Route **C** (Licensing): Goods already licensed by Bureau Veritas

Step 3 : Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews all information provided and checks their adequacy against the Ivoirian standards. Laboratory testing / analysis are conducted on samples if necessary.

Step 4 : Inspection

Bureau Veritas checks that :

- Products comply with applicable standards
- Goods presented are those identified during the documentary review
- Goods match their description in the import / export documents
- If necessary, Bureau Veritas inspectors may take samples for additional assessment.

Step 5 : VOC Certificate

Bureau Veritas checks the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory results, a secured electronic Certificate of Conformity is issued, else, a Non-Conformity Report is produced. Exporters are recommended not to ship their goods prior issuance of the required Certificate.

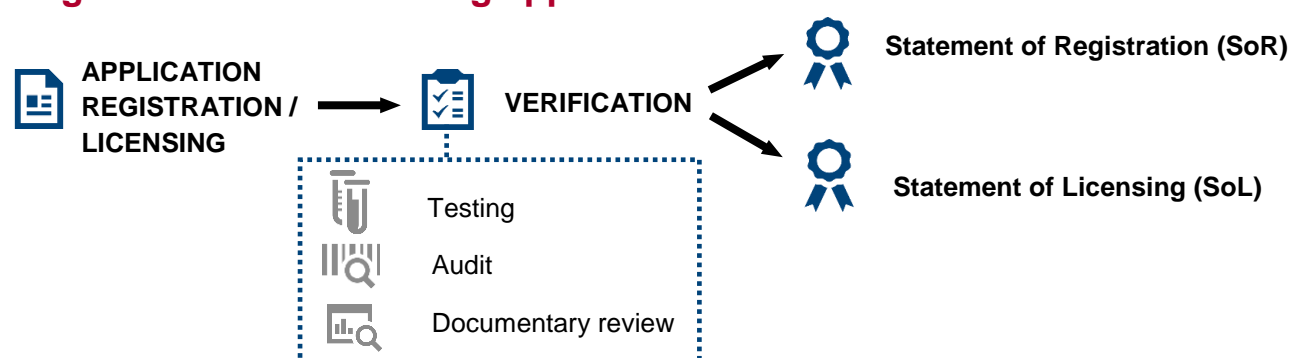


FACILITATION PROCEDURE

Registration (Route B) and Licensing (Route C) are options offered for regular importer/exporter to Côte d'Ivoire. The documents and system in place to ensure conformity to Ivoirian requirements are preliminary reviewed (test report, certificate, results of testing, inspection, factory audit....)

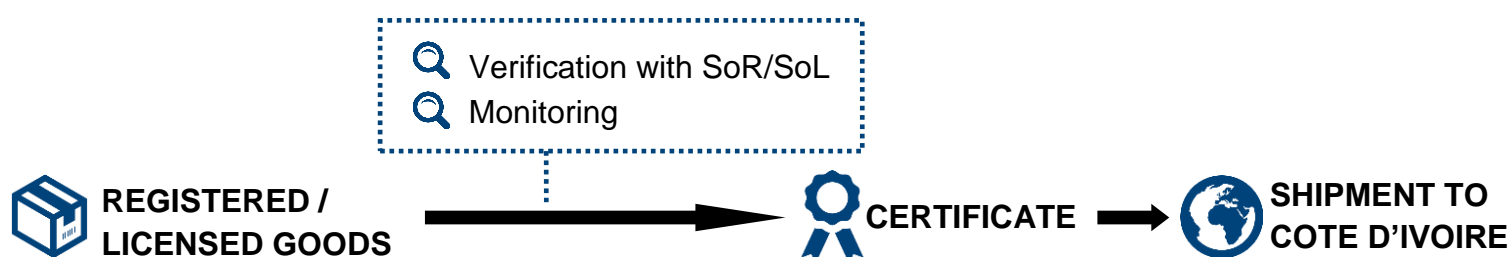
Registration and Licensing

Registration and Licensing application



Shipment verification

SoR/SoL reduces the documentary review and/or inspection of shipment and speed up the issuance of certificate in performing the necessary monitoring.



Find list of contacts and detailed information about the programme on <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com>

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