

DATA SHEET EGYPT Verification Of Conformity (VOC) programme with NFSA



1. Regulation

Authority:	National Food Safety Authority (NFSA)
Notification:	Decree 2/2020
Starting date:	17 th February 2020
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas and other companies appointed by NFSA
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to Egypt
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentary review - Control testing if any - Physical inspection - Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	NA

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<p>Food products, examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milk and its products - Preserved and dried fruits - Meat and meat products - Oils and fats - Chocolates and food products - Fruit juices and beverages - Sugar confectionaries - Natural ,mineral and carbonated water - Grains and cereals - Pulses - Herbs and spices - Tea and coffee products - Other edible food products <p>Food contact materials, examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kitchenware, cookware, tableware... <p>(See VOC Egypt – NFSA - List of products _ Verigates on the following link for the regulated goods covered by Bureau Veritas: https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/egypt)</p>
Second-hand goods:	Not allowed
Prohibited goods:	<p>Ministry of trade and industry decision 770:2005 related to banned food products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poultry offal - Birds and poultry livers - Tuna products with ingredients that include genetically treated oils
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	No threshold for exemption
Minimum value subject to the programme:	All shipments values are subject

3. Technical requirement

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Conformity requirements:	<i>Compliance of goods to mandatory Egyptian standards and regulations/decrees shall be demonstrated with control testing and/or test reports issued by a third party conformity assessment body (CAB) accredited by an ILAC Full Member (ILAC MRA signatory).</i>
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As set in the applicable standard for each product - Ministry of trade and industry decision 859:2012 related to the remaining shelf life of food products. Food products shipments (except grains and legumes) shall be cleared only if the remaining shelf life from the issuing date of the customs certificate or from the date of arrival to the Egyptian ports (in the case of pre-release), is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 months remaining shelf life at least if the total shelf life is more than 6 months (> 6 months) ▪ 1 month remaining shelf life at least if the total shelf life is more than 3 months and less than 6 months (3 months < remaining shelf life ≤ 6 months) ▪ 1 week remaining shelf life at least if the total shelf life is 16 days and more and less than 3 months (16 ≤ days ≤ remaining shelf life ≤ 3 months) ▪ 3 days remaining shelf life at least if the total shelf life is ≤ 15 days
Labelling requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labels, markings, warnings and instructions shall be legible, well stuck, not easy to remove, and at least in Arabic language unless otherwise specified in the applicable standard or national deviations. - Marking of the Country of Origin on each individual direct packaging of a product - Ministry of trade and industry decision 120:2006 related to Slaughtered birds, poultry and meat products shall be packed in hygienic sealed bags. A printed label shall be inside each bag with the following information in Arabic language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country of origin ▪ Product's name ▪ Slaughterhouse's name ▪ Date of slaughter ▪ Importer's name and address ▪ Name of the accredited organization (recognized officially at country of origin) that supervised the slaughtering process according to Islamic rules.
Other specific requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFSA decision 4:2020 Allowed food additives - NFSA decision 1:2021 Microbiological requirements for food products - NFSA decision 6:2021 Maximum permissible limits of Pesticides residues in food products of plant and animal origin - NFSA decision 6:2022 Maximum permissible limits of chemical contaminants in food products

4. Application

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Invoice - Transport document (Bill of lading/Air way Bill/CMR...) as available - Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis report, etc...) provided by exporters, as technical requirements
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates): https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/egypt

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
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Laboratory criteria:	Conformity assessment body (CAB) accredited by an ILAC Full Member (ILAC MRA signatory)
Testing:	Control testing according to the applicable standards

6. Inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading:	Applicable
Seal of container:	Applicable
Sampling:	For control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

7. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Inspection (CoI)
- Non Conformity Report (NCR)

8. Fees

Fees for Verification of conformity in country of export (Paid by Exporter)

Shipment FOB value	Fees (USD)
0 – USD 60,000	600
USD 60,001 – USD 100,000	800
USD 100,001 – USD 200,000	1500
USD 200,001 – USD 500,000	2500
USD 500,001 or more	3500

Fees are exclusive of tax and cover the costs of documentary verification, inspection and the conclusion of the assessment (COI or NCR for verification in countries of export). These fees do not include:

- Testing: to be quoted on a case-by-case basis
- Re-inspection in case of unsuccessful inspection or if the inspection duration is extended beyond 4 hours
- Costs incurred by the exporter when presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Supervision of loading and sealing of containers
- Audits
- Industrial technical inspections
- Other expenses not mentioned above

9. Contact

See contact sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/egypt>

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10. Other relevant information

Appointed Bureau Veritas offices that can issue a COI:

Bureau Veritas IO United Arab Emirates

Bureau Veritas IO China

Bureau Veritas IO United states of America

Bureau Veritas IO Thailand

Bureau Veritas IO Turkey

Bureau Veritas IO India

Bureau Veritas IO South Africa

Bureau Veritas IO Lebanon – Central

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() Updated information*

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