



Verification of Conformity

*Boost your exports
Demonstrate compliance of your products*



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
Pre-Shipment Verification
of Conformity to Standards
(PVoC)



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SCOPE



PVOC PROGRAM

On February 24th 2023, **Bureau Veritas** has been re-appointed by **Uganda Bureau of Standards (UNBS)** to undertake the **Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC)** to Standard Services. This program which has been renewed for the next (3) years starting March 1st, 2023 applies to specific goods (see below).

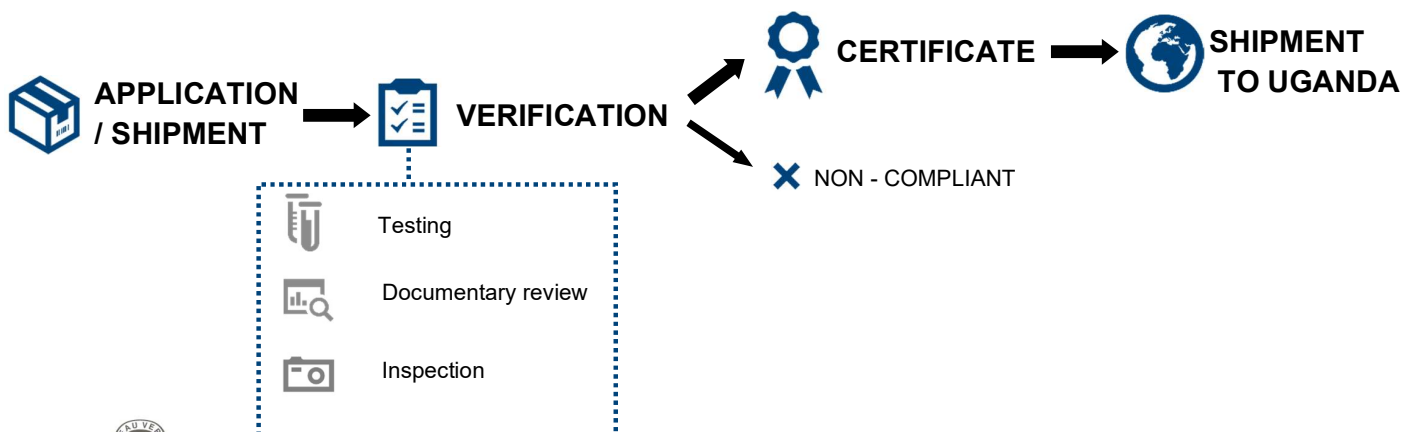
OBJECTIVES

- Consumer and environment Protection
- Conformity assurance
- Swift customs clearance with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (CoC) through the Uganda Electronic Single Window (UeSW)

TYPE OF PRODUCTS COVERED

- Toys
- Electrical and Electronics including solar equipment
- Automotive products and inputs
- Chemical Products (including cosmetics, fertilizers, petroleum based products...)
- Mechanical materials and Gas appliances
- Textile, leather, plastic and rubber products
- Furniture (Wood and Metal articles)
- Paper and stationery
- Safety (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Food and Food Products
- Used products

BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW



PROCESS



Step 1 : Application

Importer / Exporter lodges an application request through the Uganda Electronic Single Window (UeSW) by selecting Bureau Veritas as the PVoC service provider: <https://singlewindow.go.ug/stp/#/register>; and a Request for Certificate (Request possible on <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com>) to a Bureau Veritas local contact. Said request should include:

- Detailed list of goods intended to be exported (product clear designation, brand, model, quantity, size, batch number/serial number/unique identifying number, HS code - EAC CET, production and expiry dates where applicable...), importer / exporter details (name, address, invoice ...), packing list...
- Conformity documents available (ex: Third party certificate, Test reports, Reports of analysis according to quality and safety compulsory Uganda standards)
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out their physical inspection before shipment.

Step 2 : Routes to compliance

To facilitate trade and adjust intervention to the risk, 4 different routes are available in the PVoC Program to demonstrate compliance:

- Route **A**: for any good and any trader
- Route **B (Registration)** : for goods already registered by Bureau Veritas
- Route **C (Licensing)** : for goods already licensed by Bureau Veritas
- Route **D**: for consolidated cargo imported by registered consolidators with UNBS

Step 3 : Documentary review / Testing

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

Step 4 : Inspection

Bureau Veritas checks that:

- Products comply with applicable compulsory Uganda 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/testing.
- Wherever applicable, Bureau Veritas witnesses containers loading and seals the containers (Full Container Load – FCL)

Step 5 : PVoC

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



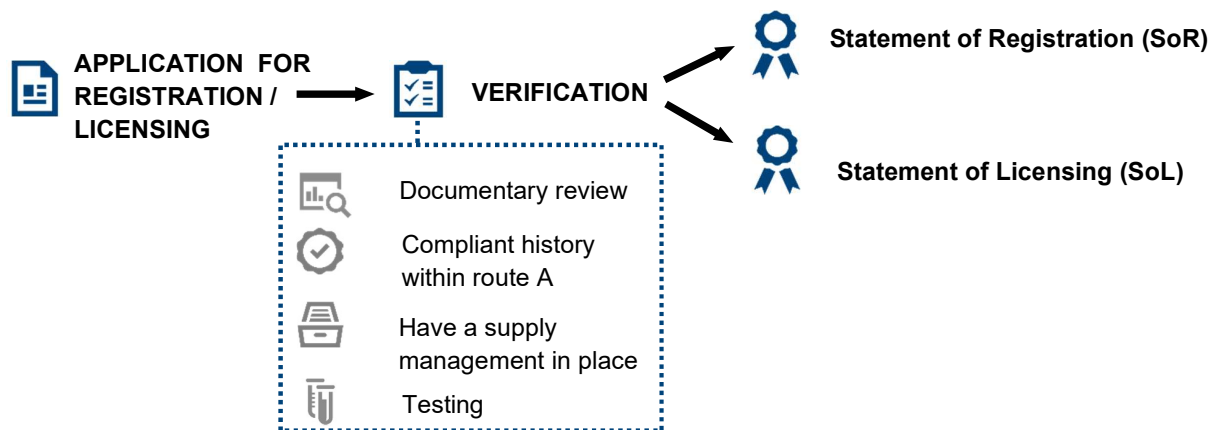


FACILITATION

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

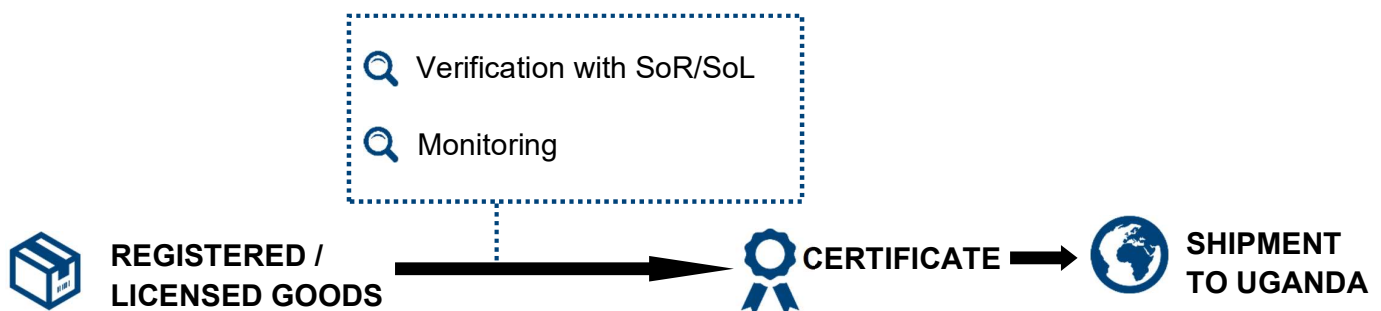
Registration and Licensing

Registration and Licensing application




Shipment verification

SoR/SoL reduces the documentary review and 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 <http://verigates.bureauveritas.com>

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