# **Verification of Conformity**

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Boost your exports Demonstrate compliance of your products











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# SCOPE

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## Easy PASS PROGRAMME

The Ghana Standards Authority has appointed Bureau Veritas to implement the Ghana Easy PASS Programme which becomes mandatory from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Bureau Veritas** verifies, in the region of export and prior to shipment, the conformity of the goods to Ghanaian and/or international standards and issues the Certificate of Conformity that is required for Customs clearance of the goods in Ghana.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Protection of the consumer and the environment
- Conformity Assurance
- Swift customs clearance with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity

## LIST OF PRODUCTS

The below product categories are subject to the EasyPASS Programme:

- I. Toys, Games and Sports equipment
- II. Electrical and Electronic products
- III. Chemical Products (except household chemical substances)
- IV. Mechanical Materials and Gas Appliances
- V. Pulp of wood, paper and paper board

- VI. Furniture (Wood and Metal base articles)
- VII. Construction Materials
- VIII. Fuel/Petroleum Products
- IX. Textile, Textile Articles and Leatherwear
- X. Mining Equipment and Parts
- XI. Glass and Glassware

Refer to the List of HS Chapters.



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### Step 1 : Request for Certificate

# Importer / Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate 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 QHSE - Quality, Health, Safety and Environment - standards)
- 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 our Easy PASS 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 Ghanaian 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 : Easy PASS Certificate

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

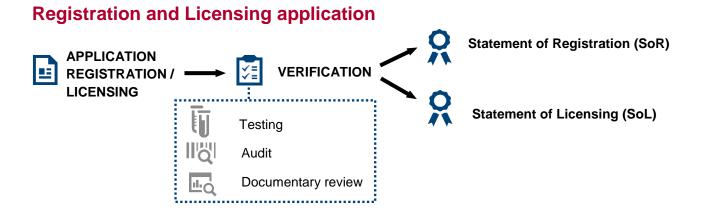


# **FACILITATION PROCEDURE**



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

### **Registration and Licensing**



#### **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 http://verigates.bureauveritas.com

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