Verification of Conformity

Boost your exports
Demonstrate compliance of your products

KUWAIT
Kuwait Conformity Assurance
Scheme (KUCAS)

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VoC PROGRAMME

On June 17th, 2006, the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) has implemented the « Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme » (KUCAS). The scheme is a set of procedures to verify the conformity of all « regulated products » to applicable Kuwait's Technical Regulations. Bureau Veritas is the first company to become accredited under this scheme.

Since its creation, the Bureau Veritas GSIT– has provided Pre-Shipment Inspection services to countries on every continent.
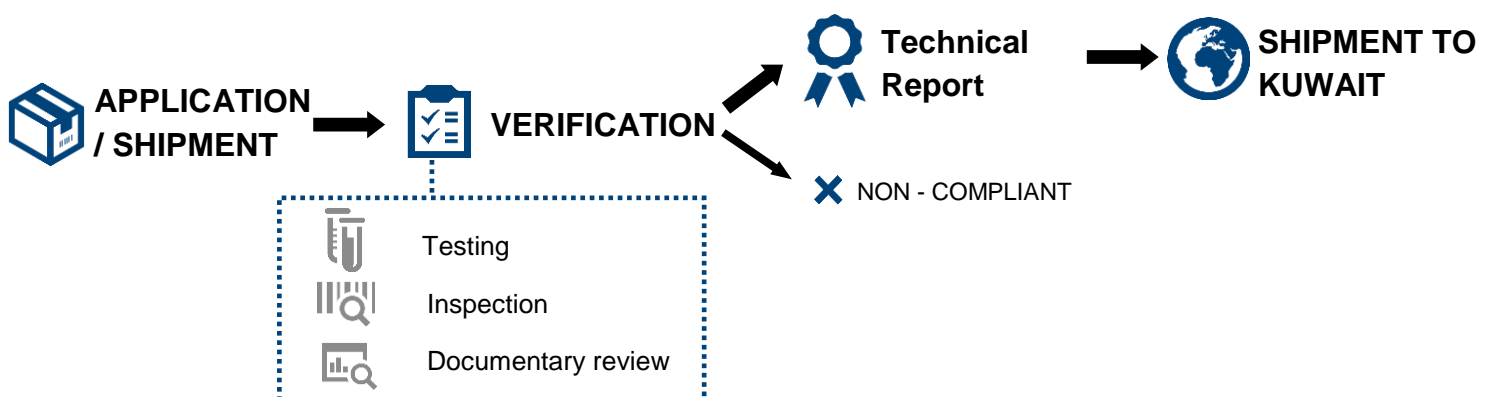
Through its International Trade activities, Bureau Veritas makes a significant contribution to trade facilitation for the benefit of many countries.

By performing missions such as pre- and post-shipment inspection of goods for clients, Bureau Veritas provides customer countries with the level of assurance they need.

OBJECTIVE

- **Facilitate transparency in trading activities**
- **Swift customs clearance with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (CoC)**
- **Protect consumer safety and the environment**
- **Ensure that goods meet Kuwaiti regulations and standards**

BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW

PROCESS

Step 1 : Request for Certificate

Importer / Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate (RFC) to a Bureau Veritas local contact.

- A RFC containing details of the intended importation is lodged either by the importer to one of the Bureau Veritas Offices in Kuwait (in PAI building or Bureau Veritas Kuwait office) or by the exporter to the Bureau Veritas office in the country of Export, for each transaction subject to the program.
- When the Inspection Order is lodged in Kuwait, the related data is sent electronically to the appropriate Bureau Veritas office.

Step 2 : Documentary review / Testing

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

The Bureau Veritas office in the country of supply sends a notice to the exporter requesting when and where the goods will be ready for inspection. The exporter is also requested to provide information related to product's compliance to KUCAS requirements:

1. Technical Evaluation Report (TER) details (see below),

2. Any available conformity documentary evidence, such as:

   • Third party Certificate of conformity to an internationally recognised standard

   • Test reports to an internationally recognised standard, issued on samples taken from the shipment

The Bureau Veritas office will proceed with the TER or Testing of samples from the shipment if product's compliance evidence per KUCAS requirements is not achieved.

Technical Evaluation Report (TER)

The TER avoids systematic testing of products of each consignment

The exporter has to provide conformity evidence of the product to KUCAS Requirements (recent full test report, Certificate giving authorization to affix a certification mark on the product…)

The Regional Centre evaluates all the information provided by the exporter to verify whether the product complies with the Kuwait's standards. If provided information is insufficient, the exporter is requested to submit samples for testing in an accepted laboratory.

Upon satisfactory review, the Regional Centre issues the TER which will be taken as conformity reference for future shipments.

Step 3 : Inspection

Bureau Veritas checks that:

- The goods being shipped are identical to those identified in the TER / conformity documentary evidence.
- The goods are in compliance with the relevant standards and with the Request for Certificate (RFC).
- When Inspectors have any doubts, they have the option of taking a sample for testing in an accepted Laboratory.

  In case of discrepancies, the seller is requested to correct them before a certificate can be issued.

  All irregularities not corrected will result in issuance of a Discrepancy Report.
- Upon receipt of a satisfactory inspection report the documentary check and/or laboratory tests, the Bureau Veritas office evaluates whether the shipped products comply with the KUCAS requirements or not.

  If full compliance is established; the Bureau Veritas issues the Technical Inspection Report (TIR)

Step 4 : Certificate of Conformity

The Liaison Office in Kuwait prints the TIR for importer's disposal and transfers the TIR data to PAI database.

Importer's presents the TIR to PAI in order to get the Certificate of Conformity which is required for products clearance.

Exporters are recommended not to ship their goods prior issuance of the required Certificate.

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