## Verification of Conformity

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# KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA Conformity Programme



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# SCOPE

## **CONFORMITY PROGRAMME**

**In June 2006**, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued a Notice advising of the implementation of Ministerial decision regarding the evolution of the Certificate Programme (ICCP).

Under the new scheme, all consignments are subject to verification of conformity to Saudi standards (SASO) and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC)

From 2009, Customs Authorities play a new role and monitor Certificates of Conformity (CoC) on arrival.

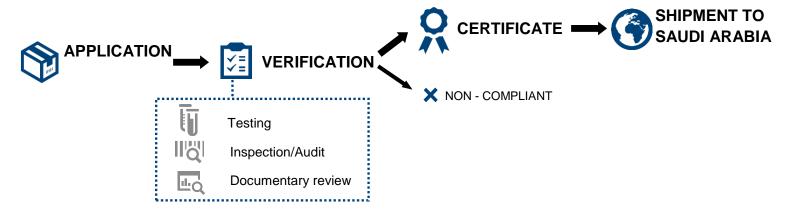
In December 2013, Bureau Veritas has signed the new Mutual Recognition Agreement with SASO which is enforced by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Finance.

In 2017 the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) launched the Saudi Product Safety Program (SALEEM), as a part of the 2020 national transformation program and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2030 vision, mandating Bureau Veritas as an accepted Conformity Assessment Body.

## OBJECTIVE

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

## **BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW**





# PROCESS

### Step 1 : Request for Certificate

Importer / Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate to a Bureau Veritas local contact or via SABER platform designating Bureau Veritas as the Conformity Assessment Body. 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 14001, ISO/TS 16949... if any,
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out their physical inspection or factory audit when required. (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form)

### Step 2 : Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews all information provided and checks their adequacy against the Saudi standards and technical regulations. Laboratory testing / analysis are conducted on samples when required.

#### Step 3 : Inspection/Audit

#### Bureau Veritas checks that:

- Products comply with applicable standards and technical regulations
- Goods presented are those identified during the documentary review
- Goods match their manufacturing and export requirements as mentioned in the applicable technical regulation
- If necessary, Bureau Veritas inspectors may take samples for additional assessment.

### Step 4 : Certificate of Conformity

Bureau Veritas checks the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory results, a secured 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.

#### Contact in Saudi Arabia:



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