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## PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS – PVOC



### 1. Regulation

Authority:	Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS)
Notification:	Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards as per the UNBS Act cap 327 and the Import Clearance Inspection Regulations
Starting date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2013
Renewal date:	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016
Appointed company(ies):	<b>Bureau Veritas</b> and other companies as stated on UNBS web site
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods exported to the Republic of Uganda
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documentary review</li> <li>▪ Control testing if necessary</li> <li>▪ Physical inspection</li> <li>▪ Risk assessment</li> <li>▪ Facilitation procedures</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of the assessment</li> </ul>
Remark:	N/A

### 2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group I - Toys</li> <li>• Group II – Electrical &amp; electronics</li> <li>• Group III – Automotive products and inputs</li> <li>• Group IV – Chemical products (including cosmetics, fertilizers, petroleum based products)</li> <li>• Group V – Mechanical material and gas appliances</li> <li>• Group VI – Textile, leather, plastic and rubber products</li> <li>• Group VII - Furniture (wood and metal articles)</li> <li>• Group VIII – Paper and stationery</li> <li>• Group IX – Protective safety equipment</li> <li>• Group X – Food and food products</li> <li>• Group XI – Used products</li> </ul> <p>For more details, please refer to the Products List available on UNBS website: <a href="http://www.unbs.go.ug/">http://www.unbs.go.ug/</a></p>
Second-hand goods:	Specific requirements (used tyres are forbidden)
Prohibited goods:	See annex 1
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government project specific goods</li> <li>• Raw Materials which are brought in for the manufacturing process and not for sale.</li> <li>• Diplomatic cargo</li> <li>• Personal Effects</li> <li>• Goods that are not covered by compulsory standards.</li> <li>• Certified goods including those from the EAC Partner States.</li> <li>• Industrial machinery and spare parts not for re-sale</li> <li>• Classified Military and Police hardware and equipment</li> </ul>
Restricted goods:	See annex 2
Minimum value subject to the programme:	USD 2,000 Goods with FOB value <2000 USD may be shipped without PVoC certificate. However, they will be subject to destination inspection by UNBS.

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**3. Technical requirement**

Conformity requirements:	<p>Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order* shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.</p> <p>*Applicable standards in priority order: Ugandan standard (US), then EAS standards, then International standard (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius UN ECE), then National standard, then Manufacturer specification in the absence of US, EAS, International and national standards applicable to the product.</p>
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of plugs and sockets: 3 squared pins (BS 1363). Other kind of plugs could be accepted if provided with a compliant plug adapter (male part being compliant to BS 1363)</li> <li>Voltage: products connected to the mains shall be rated for 220V or 230V or 240V</li> <li>Frequency: products connected to the mains shall be rated for 50Hz (not applicable to lamps).</li> <li>Country of origin marked on the product or primary packaging</li> <li>Prohibited Goods according to the East African Customs Management Act 2006 and the East African Standards Quality Assurance and Testing Act (SQMT) 2006 and any other Laws of the Community are forbidden to export in Uganda.</li> <li>For cosmetic products, the list of ingredients shall be free from “hydroquinone” and “Mercury” (hydroquinone and Mercury are prohibited and shall not appear in the list of ingredients)</li> </ul>
Labelling requirements :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The marking shall be at least in English</li> <li>All imports with a limited shelf life shall have at least seventy five per cent (75%) shelf life from the date of expected arrival in Uganda, if food products. The requirement is fifty per cent (50%) for non-food products.</li> </ul>
Other specific requirements:	N/A

**4. Application**

Applicant:	Exporter or importer
Application name:	Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final invoice</li> <li>Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...), if available</li> <li>Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements</li> </ul>
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declared FOB value</li> <li>Declared HS codes according to EAC tariff book</li> </ul>
Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates : <a href="http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/Uganda">http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/Uganda</a> )

**5. Control testing requirements**

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO 17025 accredited laboratory
Testing:	According to applicable standard

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**6. Physical inspection requirements**

Scope of inspection:	<i>Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products</i>	
Destination inspection:	<i>Not allowed</i>	
Witness of loading:	<i>Not required</i>	
Seal of container: (*)	<i>Optional for the following products and respective country of origins:</i>	
	<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>
	<i>Electricals including extension cables, sockets, switches, bulbs (CFL, incandescent, fluorescent), juice blenders, electric irons, shaving machines, electric cables, generators, lead acid batteries, and primary batteries</i>	<i>China, India, South Africa and United Arab Emirates</i>
	<i>Solar panels, solar kits and solar batteries</i>	<i>China, India, South Africa and United Arab Emirates</i>
	<i>Cosmetics</i>	<i>China, India, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, and West Africa</i>
	<i>Farm implements including hoes, machetes, Axes</i>	<i>China, India, and United Arab Emirates</i>
	<i>Toilet paper</i>	<i>China, India, and United Arab Emirates</i>
	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>China, India, and United Arab Emirates</i>
	<i>Safety shoes and Gumboots</i>	<i>China, India, and United Arab Emirates</i>
Sampling:	<i>In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)</i>	
Type of report issued:	<i>Inspection report (IR)</i>	

**7. Facilitation procedures**

- *Route B - Product Registration*
- *Route C - Manufacturing Licensing*

*The following products are however not eligible for registration under Routes B and C (i.e. are subject to certification under Route A only);*

- *Sugar*
- *Cereals and pulses such as Rice, wheat, beans, Maize etc unless processed and sold in consumer retail packages of no more than 2 kg*
- *Fertilizers traded in bulk except specialty fertilizers sold in containers of no more than 50 kg*
- *Animal and Fishery products (fresh and frozen- not further processed)*
- *Fresh Dairy Products*
- *Fresh horticultural products*
- *Used or second hand good*

**8. Conclusion of the Assessment**

- *Certificate of Conformity (CoC)*
- *Non Conformity Report (NCR)*

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**9. Fees**

*Paid by Exporter*

*(Ad Valorem fee as a percentage of the declared FOB value)*

Route A: 0.50% of FOB

Route B: 0.45% of FOB

Route C: 0.25% of FOB

*Minimum fee: 235 USD, maximum fee: 3,000 USD*

*The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspection of goods **but do not include:***

- *Testing: to be quoted on case by case basis*
- *Registration fee;*
- *Licensing fee;*
- *Re-inspection;*
- *Sampling of bulk shipments;*
- *Containers sealing: to be quoted on a case by case basis;*
- *Cost incurred by the seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing*
- *Other fees not mentioned above*

**10. Contact**

*See contact sheet for details*

**11. Other relevant information**

*N/A*

*(\*) Updated information*

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating Pre-shipment Inspection and does not relieve Exporters or Importers from their obligations in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. Although every effort has been made to ensure the correctness of the information, as at the date of issuance of this data sheet, Bureau Veritas does not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions and, furthermore, the information may subsequently be subject to change as may be announced by the Authorities in the country of importation. Consequently, Exporters are advised to check with Bureau Veritas, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Certificate of Conformity.

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**Annex 1: List of prohibited goods**

1. All goods the importation of which is for the time being prohibited under this Act or by any written law for the time being in force in the partner state.
2. False money and counterfeit currency notes and coins and any money not being of the established standard in weight and fineness.
3. Pornographic material in all kinds of media, indecent or obscene printed paintings, books, cards, lithographs or other engravings and any other indecent or obscene articles.
4. Matches in the manufacture of which white phosphorous has been employed.
5. Any article made without proper authority with the Armorial Ensigns or coat of Arms of a partner state or having such Ensigns or Arms so closely resembling them as to be calculated to deceive.
6. Distilled beverages containing essential oils or chemical products which are injurious to health, including thijone, star arise, benzoic aldehyde, salicyclic ester, hyssop and absinthe. Provided that nothing in this paragraph contained shall apply to "Anise and Anisette" liquors containing not more than 0.1 per centum of oil of anise and distillates from either pimpinella anisum or the star arise allcium verum.
7. Narcotic drugs under international control.
8. Hazardous wastes and their disposal as provided for under the base conventions.
9. All soaps and cosmetic products containing mercury.
10. Used tyres for light commercial vehicles and passenger cars.
11. The following Agricultural and Industrial Chemicals:
  - a. Agricultural Chemicals:
 

2.4-T	Aldrin	Caplafol
Chlordirneform	Chlorobexilate	DDT
Dieldrin	1.2-Dibroacethanel	Flouroacelamide
HCH	Hiplanchlor	Monocrolophs (certain formulations)
Methamidophos	Phospharmion	Methyl-parathion
  - b. Industrial Chemicals:
 

Crocidolite	Polychlorominate biphenyls (PBB)
Polychlorinate Biphenyls (PCB)	Polychlorinate Terphenyls (PCT)
Tris (2.3 dibromopropyl) phosphate	Methylbromide (to be phased out in accordance with the Montreal protocol by 2007)
  - c. Counterfeit goods of all kinds.

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**BANNED COSMETICS - Posted on UNBS website, update of: 21-03-2016****SKIN LIGHTENING COSMETIC PRODUCTS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE****CREAMS**

1. Maxi Claire beauty cream	2. Rapid White	3. Caro Light
4. Carro 7	5. Djarabi	6. Clairmen
7. Skin light	8. Caro Liss	9. Citro Light
10. Top clair plus	11. L'abidjanaise	12. Mekako
13. Bio 21 Jours	14. Cocoderm	15. Rico
16. Maxi light	17. Pure White	18. Princess
19. C & G	20. Extra Toning	21. Butone
22. Carotone	23. Sivo Clair	24. Extra Cream
25. Yes To	26. Rejuvenating Cream	27. Mic
28. Touch and Clear	29. Caro skin	30. Viva Super Lemon
31. Ultra Skin Tone	32. Ikb Medicated Cream	33. Princess Patra Luxury
34. Fade - Out	35. Crusader Skin Toning Cream	36. Envi Skin Toner
37. Palmer's Skin Success (pack)	38. Tura Bright & Even Cream	39. Zarina Medicated Skin Lightener
40. Fair & white Active Lightening	41. Claire Cream	42. Ambi Special Complexion
43. Fair & White Whitening	44. Miki Beauty Cream	45. Lolane Cream
46. Fair & White Strong Bleaching	47. Peau Claire Crème	48. Glotone Complexion Cream
49. Fair & white Body Clearing milk	50. Clear Essence Skin Beautifying	51. Nindola Cream
52. Maxi – Tone fade	53. Tura Skin Toning Cream	54. Tonight Night Beauty Cream
55. Nadinola Fade	56. Madonna Medicated Beauty	57. Fulani Cream Eclaircissante
58. Clear Essence Medicated fade	59. Mrembo Medicated Beauty Cream	60. Clere Lemon Cream
61. Ultra Skin Tone	62. Shirley Cream	63. Clere Extra Cream
64. Fade - Out	65. Kiss – Medicated Beauty Cream	66. Binti Jambo Cream
67. Palmer's Skin Success (pack)	68. UNO21 Cream	69. Malaika Maedicated Beauty Cream
70. Fair & white Active Lightening	71. Crusader Ultra Brand Cream	72. Dear Heart with Hydroquinone

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73. Fair & White Whitening	74. Ultime Skin Lightening Cream	75. Nish Medicated Cream
76. Fair & White Strong Bleaching	77. Rico Skin Tone Cream	78. Island Beauty Skin Fade Cream
79. Fair & white Body Clearing milk	80. Baraka Skin Lightening Cream	81. Malibu Medicated Cream
82. Maxi – Tone fade	83. Fairlady Skin Lightening Cream	84. A3 Tripple action Cream Pearl
85. Nadinola Fade	86. Immediat Claire Lightening Body	87. Elegance Skin Lightening
88. Symba crème Skin Lite 'N'	89. Mr. Clere Cream	90. Cleartone Skin Toning Cream
91. No Mark Cream	92. Clear Touch Cream	93. Ambi Extra Complexion Cream
94. Crusader Ultra Brand Cream	95. Cleartone Extra Skin Toning	96. Ultime Skin Lightening Cream
97. O'Nyi Skin Crème	98. Rico Skin Tone Cream	

## LOTIONS

1. Tamarin	2. Camee	3. Extra Clair lightening Body Lotion
4. Yes To	5. White Express	6. Precieux Treatment Beauty Lotion
7. Jaribu Skin Lightening Lotion	8. Clear Touch Lotion	9. Super Max – Tone Lotion
10. Caroderm	11. Shiny	12. Amira Skin Lightening lotion
13. L'abidjanaise	14. Meti'cee	15. A3 Cleartouch Complexion Lotion
16. Djarabi	17. Beauty oil Abana	18. A3 Lemon Skin Lightening Lotion
19. Caroliss	20. Peau Claire Body	21. Extra Clair lightening Body Lotion
22. Caro Top lotion	23. Reine Clair Rico Super Body	24. Precieux Treatment Beauty Lotion
25. Top lemon	26. Immediate Claire Maxi – Beauty	23. Amira Skin Lightening lotion
27. Bio liss	28. Tura Lotion	24. A3 Cleartouch Complexion Lotion
29. Maxi Claire	30. Sivocclair lightening Body Lotion	25. Kiss Lotion
26. Princess Lotion	27. Jaribu Skin Lightening Lotion	

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**SOAPS**

1. <i>Uniderm</i>	2. <i>Body Clear Medicated Antiseptic Soap</i>	3. <i>Topi Clear Beauty Complexion Soap</i>
4. <i>Djarabi</i>	5. <i>Blackstar</i>	6. <i>Ultra Clear</i>
7. <i>Skin light</i>	8. <i>Cherie Claire Body Beauty Lightening &amp; Treating Soap</i>	9. <i>Topi Clear Beauty Complexion Soap</i>
10. <i>Immediate Clair Lightening Beauty Soap</i>	11. <i>Lady Claire</i>	12. <i>M.G.C Extra Clear</i>

**SKIN LIGHTNING COSMETIC PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY****CREAMS & LOTIONS**

1. <i>Maxi Claire</i>	2. <i>Shiny Beauty cream</i>	3. <i>Top Claire Plus</i>
4. <i>Tamarin</i>	5. <i>Charms</i>	6. <i>Caro derm</i>
7. <i>Skin Light</i>	8. <i>Carro 7</i>	9. <i>L'abidjainaise</i>
10. <i>Rapid Clair</i>	11. <i>Beauty Lotion Shiny</i>	12. <i>Djarabi</i>
13. <i>Yes To</i>	14. <i>Bio 21 Jours</i>	15. <i>Bio liss</i>
16. <i>Yes To lotion</i>	17. <i>Caro Top lotion</i>	18. <i>Maxi Claire</i>
19. <i>New Shirley Medicated</i>	20. <i>Top lemon</i>	21. <i>Pimplex Medicated</i>
22. <i>Top Claire Plus</i>		

**SOAPS**

1. <i>Uniderm Soap</i>	2. <i>Djarabi Soap</i>	3. <i>Jaribu Soap</i>
4. <i>Skin Light Soap</i>	5. <i>Super Family</i>	6. <i>Binti Jambo Soap</i>
7. <i>Baby and Maman Soap</i>	8. <i>Movate Soap</i>	9. <i>Amira Soap</i>
10. <i>La Bamakoise Savon Tamarin Soap</i>	11. <i>Miki Soap</i>	12. <i>Mekako Soap</i>
13. <i>Rico Soap</i>	14. <i>Tura Soap</i>	15. <i>Jaribu Soap</i>
16. <i>Acura Soap</i>	17. <i>Fair Lady</i>	18. <i>Elegance</i>



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**Annex 2: List of restricted goods**

1. *All goods the importation of which is for the time being regulated under this Act by any written law for the time being in force in the Partner State.*
2. *Postal franking machines except and in accordance with the terms of a written permit granted by a competent authority of the partner state.*
3. *Traps capable of killing or capturing any game animal except and in accordance with the terms of a written permit granted by the partner state.*
4. *Unwrought precious metal or precious stones.*
5. *Arms and ammunitions specified under chapter 93 of the Customs Nomenclature.*
6. *Ossein and bones treated with acid.*
7. *Other bones and horns- cores, unworked defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape) degelatinized, powder and waste of these products.*
8. *Ivory, elephant unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.*
9. *Teeth, hippopotamus unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.*
10. *Horns, rhinoceros, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.*
11. *Other ivory unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape.*
12. *Ivory powder and waste.*
13. *Tortoise shell, whalebone and whalebone hair, horns, antlers, hoovers, nail, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape powder and waste or these products.*
14. *Coral and similar materials, unworked, or simply prepared but not otherwise worked shells of molasses, crustaceans or echinoderms and cattle-bone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape powder and waste thereof.*
15. *Natural sponges of animal origin.*
16. *Spent (irradiated) fuel elements (cartridges) of nuclear reactors.*
17. *Worked ivory and articles of ivory.*
18. *Bone, tortoise shell, horn, antlers, coral, mother-of pearl and other animal carves.*
19. *Ozone Depleting Substances under the Montreal Protocol (1987) and the Vienna Convention (1985).*
20. *Genetically modified products.*
21. *Non indigenous species of fish or egg of progeny.*
22. *Endangered Species of World Flora and Fauna and their products in accordance with CITES March 1973 and amendments thereof.*
23. *Commercial casings (second hand tyres).*
24. *All psychotropic drugs under international control.*
25. *Historical artefacts.*
26. *Goods specified under chapter 36 of the Customs Nomenclature (for example, percussion caps, detonators, signalling flares).*
27. *Parts of guns and ammunitions, of base metals (Section XV of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System), or similar goods of plastic under chapter 39 of Customs Nomenclature.*
28. *Armoured fighting vehicles under heading No 8710 of the customs Nomenclature.*