

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

# EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

## OVERVIEW

Exporters/Importers trading with Saudi Arabia need to comply with the standard and regulatory requirements of Saudi Arabia as mandated by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO) for the Saudi Arabian Conformity Assessment Programme (CAP) in order for their goods to clear customs. The programme adheres to the requirements of the Standards issued by SASO.

The Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by Intertek ensures the compliance of the exported products with the Saudi Arabia standard requirements and is compulsory.

Intertek is the leading certification company with a heritage stretching back over 130 years and is the longest service provider, with over 20 years' experience, approved by authorities to implement CAP in Saudi Arabia.

## 4 STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT



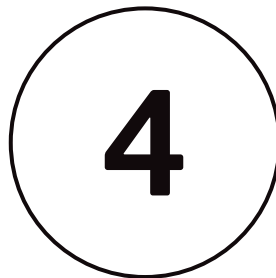
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## SHIPMENT COMPLIANCE



### Products subject to a Certificate of Conformity

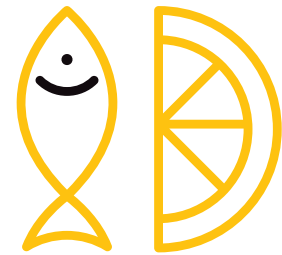
Almost every consignment of goods exported to the KSA requires a CoC also referred to as a SASO CoC for customs clearance.



### Products exempt from Certificate of Conformity

A CoC is not required for the following products, however Exporters are advised to verify with other KSA ministries for import regulations for these products:

- Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary Products
- Sample & Demonstration Products
- Temporarily Imported Products
- Medical Products
- Food Products
- Defence Products



### Energy Efficiency Compliance

A number of products must comply with the Energy Efficiency Requirements in KSA. These products are tested for their performance against the applicable EER technical regulations mandated by KSA in addition to the safety standard requirements.

**EER is required for the following products:**

- Air Conditioners
- Washing Machines
- Refrigerators/Freezers
- Electric Lamps
- Electric Motors
- New Tyres for Vehicles

For the latest list of products under the scope of the EER, refer to the SASO website [saso.gov.sa](http://saso.gov.sa)

### High Risk Products

High risk products are products which pose a greater safety risk to consumers because of their nature and therefore such products will require higher level of assessment during the certification process.

**Below are the products that are considered as High Risk in KSA:**

- Sockets, Plugs and Adapters
- Electrical Extension Cords
- Mobile Chargers
- Hair Dryer
- Electrical Water Heaters
- Heating Appliances (Electrical Heaters)
- Car Spare Parts (Brake Pads, Oil Filters, Air Filters and Fuel Filters)
- Car Tyres
- Children Toys



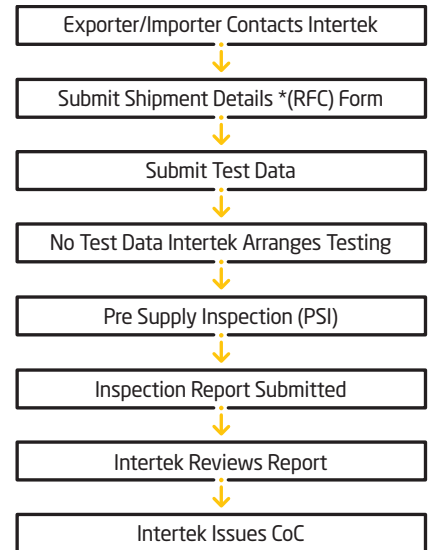
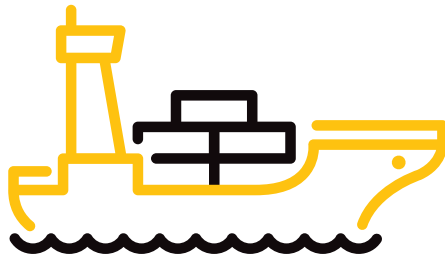


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### Occasional Exporter

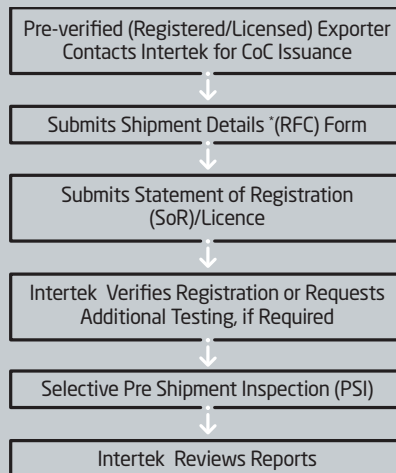
For Occasional Exporters shipments of regulated products are required to undergo the following evaluation process in order to obtain a CoC:

- Physical inspection of goods which includes verification of the product labeling, instruction manuals, packaging, and other necessary markings and physical requirements mandated by the KSA standards and technical regulations
- Testing according to the applicable product safety standard or technical regulation by an accredited laboratory such as Intertek



### Frequent and High Volume Exporter

For frequent or high volume Exporters/Manufacturers with shipments of homogenous products for supply to the KSA market Product Registration and Licensing is highly recommended.



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## FEES FOR CAP



## FEES

The party applying to Intertek for conformity assessment and certification services is responsible for the payment of charges to Intertek. The issuance of the CoC's is based on the shipment's FOB value. The fees includes the cost of inspection, evaluation, testing, and all other technical and administrative activities involved in the Shipment Certification, Registration, Type Approval and Licensing processes.

Unless otherwise agreed in advance prior to the release of the Certificate of Conformity



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### Key:

**CAP** Conformity Assessment Programme  
**CoC** Certificate of Conformity  
**CSC** Customer Service Centre  
**FOB** Free on Board  
**KSA** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
**MoCI** Ministry of Commerce & Industry

**PSI** Pre Shipment Inspection  
**SoR** Statement of Registration  
**RfC** Request for Certification  
**RLC** Registration and Licensing Centre  
**SfR** Statement for Registration

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