

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES STATE OF QATAR

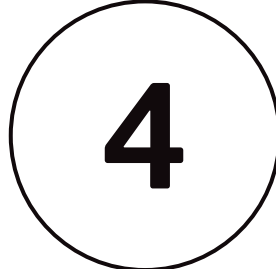
OVERVIEW

The Government of the State of Qatar, through the Qatar Ministry of Business and Trade - Department of Consumer Protection and the Qatar General Organisation for Standards and Metrology (QGOSM), has issued a set of strict rules regulating the import of Vehicle Spare Parts, Perfumery and Cosmetic products, Toys, some Electrical products etc.

The Circular issued by the Authority states that the, "Qatari Custom authority will not allow the import of the regulated products, unless they are accompanied by an evidence of conformity such as Conformity Documents, Test Reports, etc issued by an approved body from the country of supply". The Circular also stated that, in case of non-compliance of the shipment to the applicable Qatar / Gulf Standardisation Organisation (GSO) standards, the shipment will not be permitted to enter Qatar.

Conformity Documents issued by Intertek for regulated product shipments are recognised by QGOSM/Qatari Customs for the clearance of such shipment on arrival at Qatar Ports and Borders

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Products requiring a Conformity Document

A Conformity Document is required for the clearance of the following products at Qatar Customs Ports and Borders:

- Vehicle Spare Parts (Safety Belts, Wheel Rims, Brake Pads)
- Electrical Products and G-Mark products
- Toys
- Cosmetics (Shampoo, Henna, Eyebrows/ Eyelashes dye, Hair products containing Keratin)
- Perfumery products
- Non-weldable Steel Reinforcing Bars used in Concrete
- Aggregates, Limestone, Bitumen 60/70 used in roads and concrete products such as concrete block masonry units, precast concrete paving blocks
- Melamine Tableware Products
- Food and Drinks Packaging made of Plastic, Paper and Foam

Products exempt from a Conformity Document

Products that are not listed in the regulated products list are not required to have the Conformity Document for Qatar Customs clearance. Exporters are advised to verify with Qatar Customs or other Qatar ministries for the import procedure of such products .

G-Mark Directive

The GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO) has issued a technical regulation for the conformity marking of certain products. This technical regulation is known as the G-Marking Directive. This directive applies to the following products.

- Toys
- Low Voltage electrical products such as air conditioners, fans, electric irons, hair dryer and straighteners, etc. which are listed in the GSO technical regulation

Qatar, being one of the GCC member states, has adopted and implemented this directive.

All products under the scope of the G-Mark directive shall bear the G-Marking symbol and the Manufacturer/Exporter shall have the relevant Gulf Type Examination Certificate prior to shipment of such products to Qatar.

Energy Efficiency Compliance

The Qatar Authorities have issued technical regulation for testing the energy efficiency performance of specified household appliances.

Currently, energy efficiency compliance is mandatory for air conditioners. Therefore, in addition to the safety and G-Marking requirements, air conditioners should also comply with the EER in order to be acceptable in Qatar market.

QGOSM has also issued the draft EER standards for Washing machines and Refrigerators. Once the final standards are released, EER will be mandatory for Washing machines and Refrigerators as well.



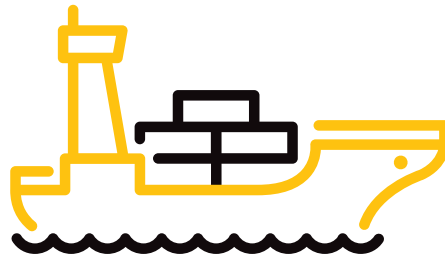
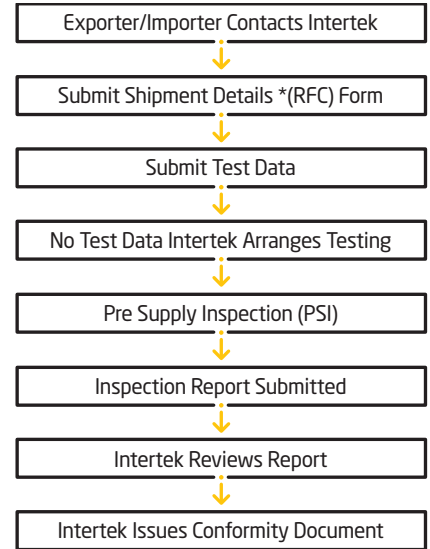


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Intertek offers services in the evaluation of products according to the requirements mandated by the Qatar Authorities.

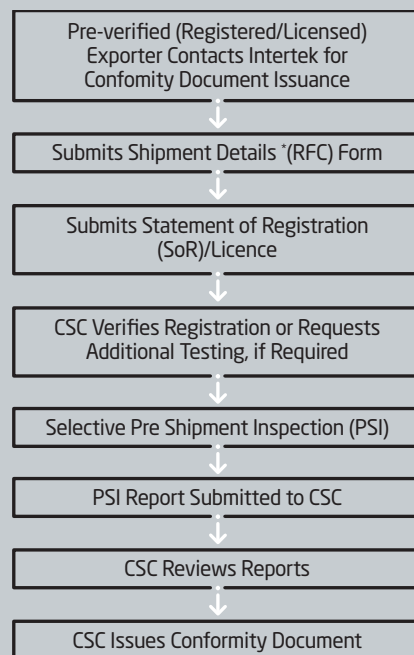
The evaluation process includes the following:

- Physical inspection of goods which includes verification of the product labeling, instruction manuals, packaging, and other necessary markings and physical requirements mandated by the Qatar 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

Exporters/Manufacturers of high volume or frequent shipments of homogenous products to Qatar can also avail of the Product Registration and Licensing process. Shipments of Registered and Licensed products are subject to a selective consignment scheme within a defined frequency and level of inspection. Registration and Licensing can reduce the turn-around time for Conformity Documents.



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The party applying to Intertek for conformity assessment and certification services is responsible for the payment of charges to Intertek. The issuance of the Conformity Document is based on the FOB value of the shipment.

The fees include the cost of inspection, evaluation, testing, and all other technical and administrative activities involved in the conformity assessment of the product.




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Key:

CAP	Conformity Assessment Programme
CSC	Customer Service Centre
FOB	Free on Board
EER	Energy Efficiency Requirements
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GSO	Gulf Standardisation Organisation

QGOSM	Qatar General Organisation for Standards and Metrology
PSI	Pre Shipment Inspection
SoR	Statement of Registration
RfC	Request for Certification
RLC	Registration and Licensing Centre