

Verification of Conformity

Verification and Certification of Conformity prior to shipment

Verification of Conformity (VoC) entails checking that goods destined for export comply with the required standards before leaving their country of origin. This helps to protect consumers' health and safety and prevents the spread of sub-standard goods. As the inspections are conducted at the pre-shipment stage, this facilitates Customs clearance and flow of trade at the destination port or border. In addition, the VoC system can apply to exported goods which makes it easier to export local products conforming to the same standards as imported products.

Cotecna conducts its VoC activities on the basis of three possible "routes". The first comprises a complete inspection, releasing only compliant shipments for export. The second route applies to exporters with a positive VoC history, who receive a one-year product registration on the basis of sample tests. In addition, exporters permitted to use the third route receive a product licence to use a mark of conformity for a limited period and are subject to minimum testing.

Based on our leading position in pre-shipment inspection, Cotecna offers also extensive expertise in products and standards, testing, consultancy and conformity assessments. With a range of reputable accreditations and memberships, Cotecna currently performs VoC activities on all continents.

VoC services:

- Physical inspection
- Collection of samples for laboratory testing
- Verification of the product's compliance against import standards

Key benefits

- Protects consumers' health and safety
Increase Security
- Protects against fraud
- Certificate of Conformity issued transparently
- No delays at destination port
- Facilitates export of local compliant products