

# Verification of Conformity (VOC) Services

## Why Cotecna

- > Swiss group founded in 1974
- > Global network of 5,000 employees in close to 100 offices & certified laboratories in over 50 countries
- > Efficient and responsive services, customised to clients' needs

## Cotecna helps you save time and money

**Consult our experts** in your language



**Facilitate** certification process



**Accelerate** time to market



**Streamline** forwarding process



**Shorten** supply chain process



**INCREASE FREQUENCY OF ORDERS!**

Cotecna is a leading provider of testing, inspection and certification services. We offer solutions to facilitate trade and make supply chains safer and more efficient for our clients.

## Somaliland Verification of Conformity Programme

The Somaliland Ministry of Trade and Tourism regulates the mandatory Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity programme for products exported to the Republic of Somaliland.

The Ministry of Trade and Tourism appointed Cotecna Inspection S.A (Cotecna) to verify the conformity of products exported to Somaliland. Cotecna is mandated to inspect, test regulated products, and issue Certificates of Conformity on behalf of the Somaliland Ministry of Trade and Tourism.

All imported product consignments must be accompanied by Certificates of Conformity to be processed for Customs clearance and business use.

## Benefits of Certification

The programme aims to ensure that imported products comply with the regulatory safety standards set by the Somaliland government. In addition, the programme will protect the health, safety, and environment by reducing the risk of unsafe and substandard products entering Somaliland. The programme will also promote fair competition for local manufacturers and traders.

Complying with the programme will enable importers to avoid unnecessary Customs delays and the risk of having their products returned to the exporting country.

## Regulated Products

The majority of the products imported into Somaliland are regulated and will require a Certificate of Conformity.

**The regulated products are found under the following HS Chapters: 02-05, 07-11, partially 12, 13-27, 30-35, 38- 40, 44-66, 68-76, 78-87, 90-92, 94-96**

For a comprehensive list of regulated and exempted products or to find out if your product is regulated, please contact your nearest [Cotecna office](#) or [Cotecna Somaliland](#).

Contact us to request for certification or for a commitment free quote

## What We Offer

Cotecna provides tailor-made services to ensure exporters' consignments comply with the Somaliland regulations and standards.

- > A dedicated agent to guide clients through the entire certification process.
- > Conformity assessment in the exporting country including documentary verification, consignment inspection, sampling and testing in in ISO 17025 accredited laboratories.
- > Rapid certification process.

## Certification of Conformity Process

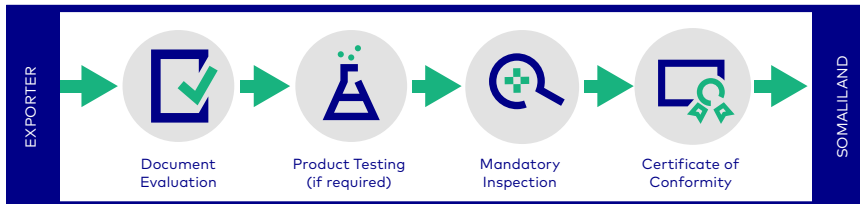
Exporters must take the following steps to obtain COCs:

1. Fill out and submit the Cotecna [Request for Certification](#) (RFC) form.
2. Cotecna will then assess your application and the accompanying documents to determine the certification scope. Certification scope can include product inspection, testing, shipment loading and sealing as required.
3. Report assessment to verify conformity
4. Upon satisfactory results, issue Certificate of Conformity (COC).

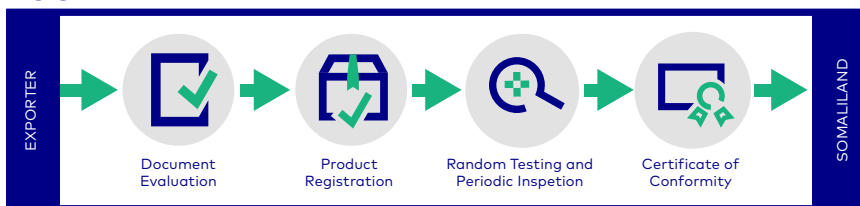
## Certification of Conformity

Somaliland uses three "routes" to determine conformity compliance. The choice of the route depends on the profile of the exporter and nature of goods.

### ROUTE A



### ROUTE B



### ROUTE C

