



## THE GABONESE PROGRAM OF CONFORMITY (PROGEC)

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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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The Agence Gabonaise de Normalisation (AGANOR) signed a Convention related to the Gabonese Program of Conformity (PROGEC) with SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA on 26 January 2015 for the Provision of Inspection and Verification of Conformity of some products imported to Gabon.

The objective of this programme is to ensure the products conformity with the standards and technical regulations applicable in Gabon in order to prevent importation of unsafe goods, counterfeit and/or non-compliant to the current regulations as well as to protect the consumers and the interests of the local consumers.

### PROCEDURE PROGEC

- Exporter requests a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) in submitting the Request of Certification (RFC) to the SGS office with a proforma invoice together with quality documents such as test reports, product technical sheet, quality management system certificates, Etc...
- SGS analysis the documents and confirms the certification route (see below) and applicable standards.
- SGS, according to the provisions of the programme, coordinates physical inspection.
- Payment has to be done by exporter before inspection performance.
- Exporter will then submit a copy of the final invoice to SGS.
- If the result of all the interventions is satisfactory, SGS will issue the CoC after having received all the necessary documents.
- If the report from a verification activity is not satisfactory and the exporter did not make the necessary corrections, SGS will issue a Non Conformity Report (NCR).

### APPROVED LABORATORIES

Approved laboratories are laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 from the Accreditation National Authority of the country in which they are settled.

### BASIC FEATURES

- CoC is a mandatory document to clear goods from Customs
- Supplier/Exporter is responsible of compliance and liable for any or economic consequences arising from goods shipped without CoC.

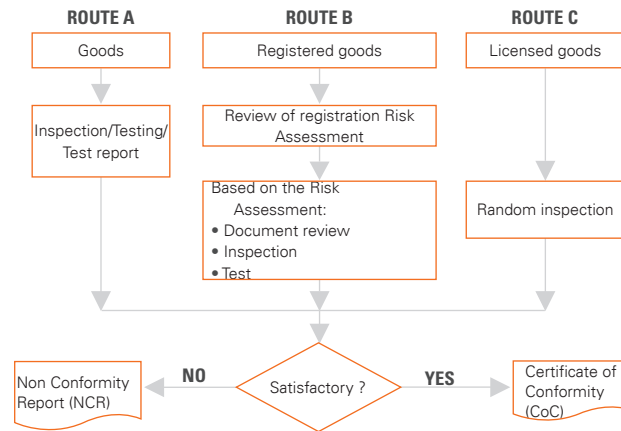
### METHODS / ROUTES OF VERIFICATION

- **ROUTE A:** applicable to all suppliers/manufacturers of

products imported into the Gabonese Republic who do not have regular shipments or who send sensitive products which require regular quality control with compliance standards.

- **ROUTE B:** This method is applicable to all the suppliers/manufacturers with frequent and regular shipments to the Gabonese Republic. Method B offers a facilitated procedure because the bulk shipments registered are not systematically submitted to all the intervention. Note: Registration is renewable annually, subject to continuous compliance.
- **ROUTE C:** For the product under licence (registered system). This method consists of type of test, evaluation of the factory and control by audits of the manufacturing process, as well as sampling test taken from factory and/or shipping.

### KEY POINTS



### FEES STRUCTURE, EUROS

ROUTES	AD VALOREM FOB VALUE, %	MINIMUM FEE	MAXIMUM FEE
A	0.530%	300	7,000
B	0.450%	300	7,000
C	0.270%	220	7,000

The above fees cover the documentary check of the goods but do not include testing in laboratories, audits of manufacturing, technical industrial expertise, container sealing and the sampling of bulk products shipment.

Registration fees in EUROS:

Products / Lines	Annual Registration Fees (Euros)
First 15 Products	375
Each extra product (above 15)	20 (per product/line)

### SGS IS YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER

SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programs worldwide and now in all EAC, global network, with dedicated software platform. SGS offers exporters efficient and comprehensive and tailored solutions to ensure goods conform Technical Regulations and Standards.

### WE OFFER

- One stop shop for all certifications Worldwide;
- Key Account Management in one of the countries or/ and in our Contract Management Office;
- Immediate access to information about your order/file
- Support in linking all the parties participating in the process;
- Customs tailored solutions for your situations.