

PROGRAMME GABONAIS D'EVALUATION DE LA CONFORMITÉ (PROGEC)

EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES GABONESE REPUBLIC

OVERVIEW

Agence GAbonaise de NORmalisation (AGANOR), the standards body of Gabon has implemented guidelines called the PROgramme Gabonais d'Evaluation de la Conformité (PROGEC) for exports to Gabon.

It is a conformity assessment and verification procedure applied to specific goods/products in the exporting country, to ensure their compliance with Gabonese Essential Regulations and applicable International Standards.

Consignments subject to PROGEC must obtain a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) for Customs clearance in Gabon. Regulated product shipments arriving at Gabon Ports and Borders without a CoC will be liable for a penalty fee.

The PROGEC provides assurance to Gabon consumers of the quality and safety of imported goods. In January 2022, AGANOR has officially renewed the PROGEC contract with Intertek.

The Shipment Certification process follow the below routes:

- Route A for Unregistered/ Unlicensed Products
- Route B for Registered Products
- Route C for Licensed Products

4 STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT

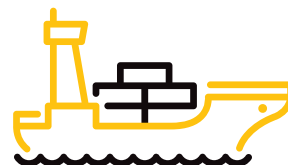
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PRODUCT COMPLIANCE



Products requiring a Certificate of Conformity

Every consignment of regulated products exported to Gabon requires a Certificate of Conformity for clearance at Gabon Customs. The regulated products shall comply with the Gabonese Essential Requirements and applicable International Standards prior to their export to Gabon.

Products exempt from a Certificate of Conformity

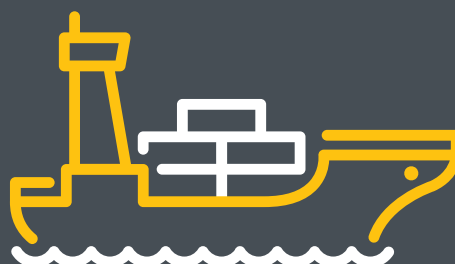
The following products do not require a Certificate of Conformity:

- Postal packages with no commercial value and express couriers (Includes: mails, letter or paper documents only. Excludes: Express couriers' packages having a commercial value)
- Commercial samples
- Gifts from governments or international organisations to foundations, recognised charitable or humanitarian organisations
- Personal gifts
- Foreign government aid, aid from overseas organisations or private individuals in the event of a disaster
- Gifts and furniture imported for personal use by diplomatic missions and consulates by organisations
- Goods acquired with donations and external funds
- Total value of regulated goods in the shipment not exceeding EURO 3000.00.

However, the above listed exempted products may need to comply with other Gabonese regulatory requirements.

SPECIFIC PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

- The marking shall be clearly discernible, legible and indelible.
- The instruction and marking on product packaging shall be in French language. It is acceptable also to have the instructions and markings in both French and English languages
- Other marking requirements apply depending on the type of product, instruction manuals shall be in French or in French and English languages.



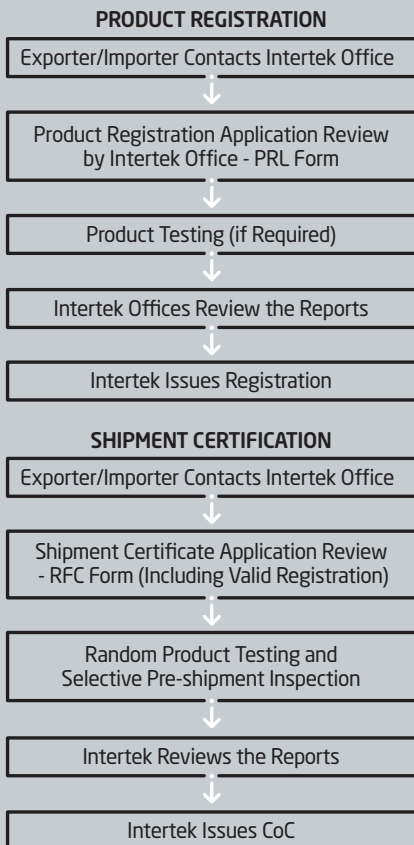
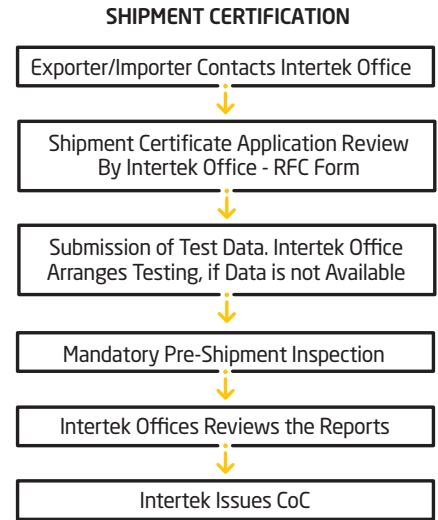


ROUTES TO EXPORT

Unregistered/Unlicensed - Route A

Intertek offers services in the evaluation of products according to the requirements mandated by AGANOR. The evaluation process includes the following:

- Physical inspection of products which includes verification of the product's essential markings and physical requirements as per Gabonese Essential Requirements and applicable International Standards
- Testing according to the Gabonese Essential Technical Requirements and applicable International Standards by an accredited laboratory such as Intertek, prior to their export to Gabon.
- Issuance of CoC on successful evaluation of Test Report and physical inspection.



Registered Status - Route B

Registration is issued to an Applicant under Route B and can be used for multiple shipments for a period one year from its date of issue:

- Manufacturer/Exporter must demonstrate that their products comply with the Gabonese Essential Requirements and applicable International Standards.
- An assessment to be made that products meet the level of compliance required before Registration is granted
- CoC will be issued on the basis of the valid Statement of Registration (SoR) and successful selective inspections of shipments



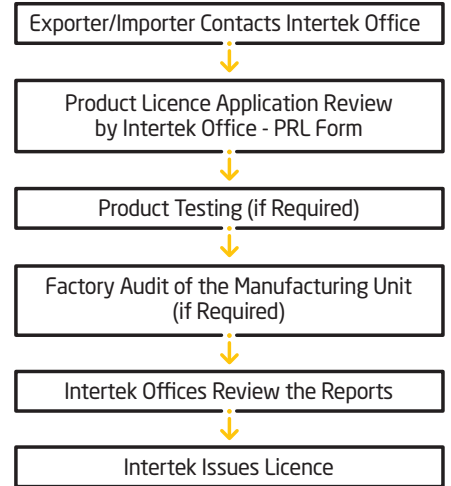


Licensed Products - Route C

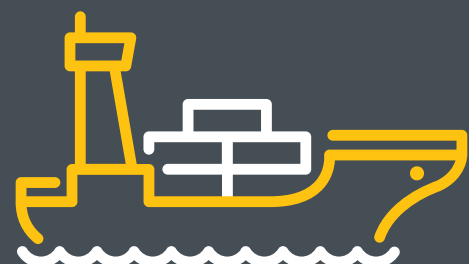
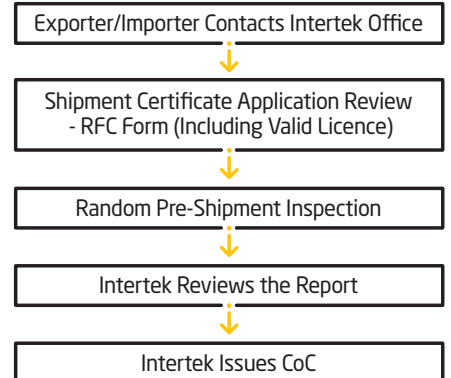
Licence is issued to Manufacturers under Route C and can be used for multiple shipments for a period of one year from its date of issue.

- Products must demonstrate full compliance with the Gabonese Essential Requirements and applicable International Standards.
- Quality Management System or its equivalent certificates (QMS documents such as ISO 9001, ISO/TS 16949, ISO 13485 etc.) or Factory audit of all licensed product manufacturing sites to ensure compliance to standard(s) are required for the issuance of the Licence.
- CoC will be issued on the basis of the valid Licence and successful random physical inspections (lesser intervention than Route B).

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The party applying for conformity assessment and certification services is responsible for the payment of fees to Intertek.

1. Shipment Certification Fees

The Shipment Certification fees include the cost of evaluation, physical inspection of the shipment, all other technical and administrative activities involved in the verification of the product.


(Note that the Shipment Certification fees do not include the product testing cost which is separate and subject to the type of product under test and nature of tests performed. The testing fees will be separately quoted if required and requested to be performed by Intertek).

2. Registration and Licensing Fees

These fees are subject to type of product being Registered and Licensed. Exporters need to contact local Intertek Offices to obtain the quote. The Registration and Licensing fees do not include testing and auditing services.




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AGANOR Agence GAbonaise de NORmalisation
PROGEC PROgramme Gabonais d'Evaluation de la Conformité
COC Certificate of Conformity

CSC Customer Service Centre
RFC Request for Certification
PRL Request for Product Certificate, Registration, Licence