



# EXPORTER GUIDE TO ETHIOPIA





# ETHIOPIA PRE-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY PROGRAMME

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The Ethiopia Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity programme is regulated by the **Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise (ECAE)** and mandates that all **Stand Alone Solar (SAS)** products be accompanied by a **Certificate of Conformity (COC)** for customs clearance. The requirement for a COC is mandatory. Upon arrival at Ethiopian ports, SAS products not accompanied by the mandatory COC shall incur a penalty.

The programme aims to ensure that SAS products exported to Ethiopia comply with the **ES IEC TS 62257-9-8: 2020** regulatory standard before shipment. Compliance will help protect Ethiopian consumers and the environment by reducing substandard, unsafe and counterfeit products imported into Ethiopia. The programme will also promote fair competition for local manufacturers and traders.

To ensure harmonized compliance to the set safety standards and regulations, ECAE appointed **Cotecna Inspection S.A (Cotecna)** to issue Certificates of Conformity (COC) on its behalf. The Cotecna mandate covers the testing, inspection and certification of all regulated products.

The following Stand Alone Solar (SAS) products require a COC for export to Ethiopia:

- > Products powered by photovoltaic (PV) batteries or other off-grid energy-storage devices.
- > Products with a peak PV power rating less or equal to 350W.
- > All components required to provide basic energy supply whether sold or installed as a kit, included as part of a series of products, or integrated into a single component.
- > Power generating devices such as solar panels.
- > Cables, switches, connectors and protective devices used to connect power generating products.
- > PV modules with a maximum voltage power point of 35V. Also includes, AC-DC converters that meet the approved safety standards.

**Note: SAS products without a valid COC on arrival will incur a penalty paid to the Ethiopian customs authorities.**

**Cotecna can also help you with the voluntary certification of the following products:**

- > Metrology and measurement equipment
- > Environment, health protection and safety equipment
- > Electrical products
- > Textile and leather products
- > Chemical products (fertilizers, detergents, cosmetics)
- > Food products
- > Paper, rubber and plastic products
- > Construction material

Voluntary certification has the benefit of allowing for faster customs clearance, while reducing the likelihood of your shipment being denied entry into Ethiopia.

To confirm if your product is regulated and to help you determine which standard(s) are applicable to your product, please contact your [nearest Cotecna office](#).

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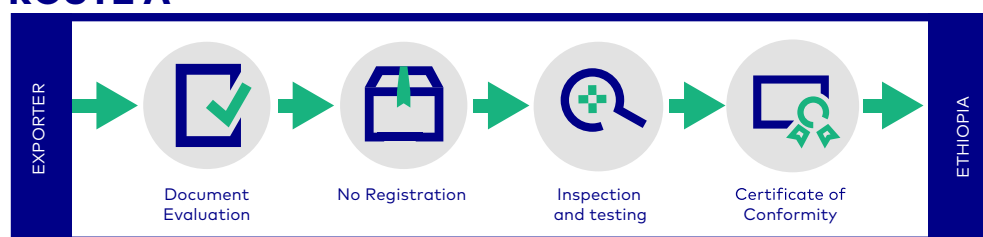
## ETHIOPIA CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

To assess the conformity of a shipment, the Verification of Conformity process will take one of the three following conformity processes called "Routes" depending on the profile of the exporter:

### Route A:

For exporters with infrequent shipments.

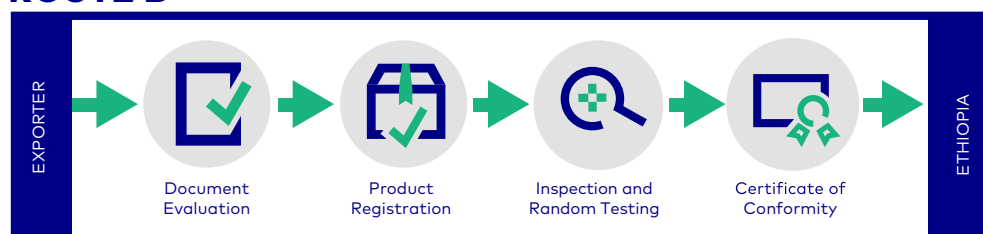
#### ROUTE A



### Route B:

For exporters with regular shipments.

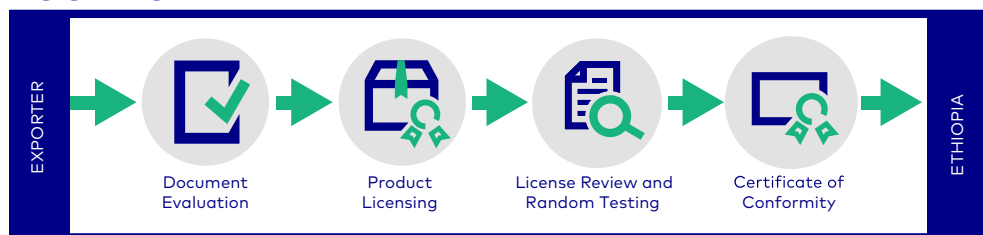
#### ROUTE B



### Route C:

For manufacturers with regular and high-volume shipments.

## ROUTE C



## Valid Conformity Documents

Exporter will submit to Cotecna "Valid Conformity Documents", such as test reports, quality certificates and analysis reports.

A conformity document is valid when it has been issued by:

- > Third Party or in-house ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory
- > Approved laboratory as per Cotecna/Ethiopia's procedures

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## FEES & CONDITIONS

Please contact your closest [Cotecna office](#) to receive a quotation.

- > All costs incurred for presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, repacking, are borne by the exporter/seller.
- > If the goods do not conform to the requirements, fees for physical inspection, testing and Non Conformity Report issuance remain due to Cotecna.
- > This programme is subject to the [General Terms and Conditions of Cotecna](#).

To download the **Request for Certification** please click [here](#).

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