

TANZANIA BUREAU OF STANDARDS



PUBLIC NOTICE

PRE-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS (PVoC)

This is to inform importers and the general public that Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) will start implementing the Pre-Shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) programme from February 1, 2012.

Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards (PVoC) is a conformity assessment process used to verify that imported products are in conformity with the requirements of applicable standards before exporting to a destination country. This process is aimed at ensuring that products imported into the Tanzania market are of the required quality for health and safety of people and protection of the environment.

The programme is carried out by authorized third-party agencies, consisting of physical inspection with combination of laboratory testing, documentary review and factory audits.

The agencies which will carry out the process worldwide on behalf of TBS are

1. Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS), based in Switzerland;
2. Intertek International Ltd., based in the United Kingdom; and
3. Bureau Veritas, based in France.

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