

REGULATED PRODUCTS

GROUP	TITLE	PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE GROUP (examples)
I	TOYS	Electric & battery operated toys
II	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS	Household and commercial appliances: Air conditioners, cooking appliances, washing machines, dishwashers, clothes drying appliances, irons, kitchen appliances, personal care appliances, microwave ovens, ranges, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, vacuum cleaners, heaters, water fountains, fans, hair dryers, water pumps, dispensing/vending machines, ... Audio-video systems, Transformers, Power converters, ballasts, starters, Telephones (including mobile phones) Power cables Lamps, lamp holders Circuit breakers, switches plugs and sockets Generator sets (gasoline & diesel) Electric motors Electric office machines, telecom equipment IT equipment Portable & transportable power tools Tread-mills & fitness training machines
III	AUTOMOTIVE	Vehicles (new and used) Tyres
IV	CHEMICALS	Engine oils, Gear and transmission oils, brake fluid Paints and putties
V	OTHER	Facial tissue paper Melamine Dinnerware
VI	BUILDING MATERIALS	Cement, Gypsum Plastic electrical conduits and fittings CPVC pipes & fittings for water distribution

Bureau Veritas has been accredited in 2007 by PAI for the groups II, III and V
To be imported into Kuwait, products shall comply with KUCAS requirements which require conformity to :

- Group II: Kuwaiti standard / IEC safety standard + national deviations such as UK plug, Marking of country of Origin, rated voltage 240V (230V accepted), frequency 50Hz...
- Group III: Kuwaiti/GCC standards
- Group V: Kuwaiti/GCC standards

Please refer to applicable KUCAS Guidelines for current list of « regulated products » and procedures.



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KUWAIT CONFORMITY ASSURANCE SCHEME (KUCAS)

Guidelines to Exporters

On June 17th, 2006, the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) has implemented the « Kuwait Conformity Assurance Scheme » (KUCAS). The scheme is a set of procedures to verify the conformity of all « regulated products » to applicable Kuwait's Technical Regulations. Bureau Veritas is the first company to become accredited under this scheme.

Since its creation, the Bureau Veritas GSIT Division has provided Pre-Shipment Inspection services to countries on every continent.

Through its International Trade activities, Bureau Veritas makes a significant contribution to trade facilitation for the benefit of many countries.

By performing missions such as pre- and post-shipment inspection of goods for clients, Bureau Veritas provides customer countries with the level of assurance they need.



Bureau Veritas is one of the most widely represented conformity assessment companies in the world. This worldwide coverage is provided by nearly 900 offices, located in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 40 000.

Services provided by Bureau Veritas GSIT are designed to:

- Facilitate transparency in trading activities
- Protect consumer safety and the environment
- Ensure that goods meet current regulations
- Provide authorities with effective means of overseeing and controlling foreign trade.



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PROCEDURE



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KUWAIT or COUNTRY of EXPORT

1. Inspection Order:

An Inspection Order (IO) containing details of the intended importation is lodged either by the importer to one of the Bureau Veritas Offices in Kuwait (in PAI building or Bureau Veritas Kuwait office) or by the exporter to the Bureau Veritas Regional Centre (Centre of Relations with Exporters) in the region of Export, for each transaction subject to the programme.

When the Inspection Order is lodged in Kuwait, the related data is sent electronically to the appropriate Regional Centre.

COUNTRY OF SUPPLY

2. Contact with the Exporter

The Regional Centre in the country of supply sends a notice to the seller requesting when and where the goods will be ready for inspection. The seller is also requested to provide information related to product's compliance to KUCAS requirements:

1. Technical Evaluation Report (TER) details (see below),
2. Any available conformity documentary evidence, such as:
 - Third party Certificate of conformity to an internationally recognised standard
 - Test reports to an internationally recognised standard, issued on samples taken from the shipment

Regional Centre will proceed with TER or Testing of samples from the shipment if product's compliance evidence per KUCAS requirements is not achieved.

3. Physical Inspection

The objective of the physical verification is to ensure that:

- The goods being shipped are identical to those identified in the TER / conformity documentary evidence,
- The goods are in compliance with the relevant standards and with the inspection order (IO).

When Inspectors have any doubts, they have the option of taking a sample for testing in an accepted Laboratory. In case of discrepancies, the seller is requested to correct them before a certificate can be issued. All irregularities not corrected will result in issuance of a Discrepancy Report.

4. Technical Inspection Report (TIR)

Upon receipt of a satisfactory inspection report, the documentary check and/or laboratory tests, the Regional Centre evaluates whether the shipped products comply with the KUCAS requirements or not.

If full compliance is established; the Regional Centre issues the Technical Inspection Report (TIR).

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5. Certificate of Conformity

The Liaison Office in Kuwait prints the TIR for importer's disposal and transfers the TIR data to PAI database.

Importer's presents Bureau Veritas's TIR to PAI in order to get the Certificate of Conformity which is required for products clearance.

Technical Evaluation Report (TER)

The TER avoids systematic testing of products of each consignment.

The exporter has to provide conformity evidence of the product to KUCAS Requirements (recent full test report, Certificate giving authorization to affix a certification mark on the product...). The Regional Centre evaluates all the information provided by the exporter to verify whether the product complies with the Kuwait's standards. If provided information is insufficient, the exporter is requested to submit samples for testing in an accepted laboratory.

Upon satisfactory review, the Regional Centre issues the TER which will be taken as conformity reference for future shipments.

GLOSSARY

- IO: Inspection Order
 LO: Liaison Office
 PAI: Public Authority for Industry
 TER: Technical Evaluation Report
 TIR: Technical Inspection Report

