

# Cotecna your exporting partner to the Republic of Congo

## Why Cotecna

- > Swiss group founded in 1974
- > Global network of 5,000 employees in close to 140 offices & certified laboratories in over 50 countries
- > Efficient and responsive services, tailored to clients' needs

## About VOC

- > VOC programmes ensure that exporters consignments comply with local importing regulations.
- > Cotecna's Verification of Conformity (VOC) services guarantees that the goods entering a country meet the required quality and safety standards, thereby protecting consumers and local businesses.

## Cotecna VOC Programmes

We also operate the following destinations:

- > Algeria
- > Côte d'Ivoire
- > Egypt (GOEIC, NFSA)
- > Ethiopia
- > Gabon
- > Nigeria
- > Saudi Arabia (SASO-SABER, SFDA, G-MARK)
- > Zimbabwe

Cotecna is a leading provider of testing, inspection and certification services. We offer solutions to facilitate trade and make supply chains safer and more efficient for our clients.

## Exporting to Congo? Let us help you!

As a trusted partner of the Republic of Congo, Cotecna is mandated by the Congolese Agency for Standardization and Quality (ACONOQ) to execute the Congolese Conformity Assessment Programme (PCEC).

Our role is to assess and verify the compliance of all regulated products that will be exported to the Republic of Congo in accordance with all standards and regulations approved by ACONOQ.

## Regulated Products

All products imported into Congo are regulated and will require a Certificate of Conformity.

For a comprehensive list of regulated and exempted products or to find out if your product is regulated, please contact your nearest Cotecna Office or Cotecna Congo.

## What we offer

Cotecna provides tailored-made services to ensure that exporters' consignments comply with the Congolese regulations and standards.



A dedicated agent to guide clients through the entire certification process



Regulatory support from our reactive teams



Technical advice from our experienced professionals



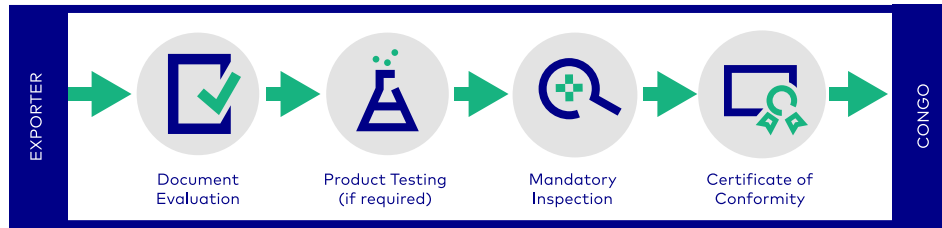
Issuance of Certificate of Conformity within 72 hours of receipt of final documents

**Certification Process**

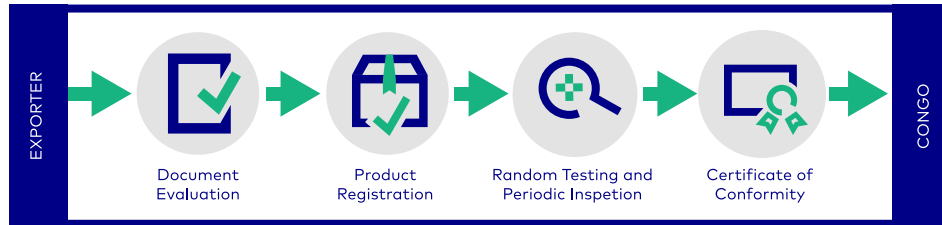
To assess the conformity of a shipment, the Verification of Conformity process will follow one of the three following ways of assessment called "Routes", depending on the profile of the exporter:

- > Route A for exporters with infrequent shipments or sensitive products.
- > Route B for exporters with regular shipments with non-sensitive homogeneous products.
- > Route C for manufacturers, official distributors and brand owners with regular and high-volume shipments to Congo and having a Quality Management System (QMS) applied to their production/ manufacturing process.

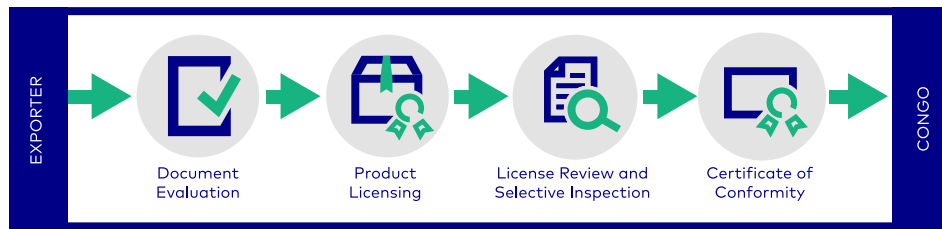
**ROUTE A**



**ROUTE B**



**ROUTE C**



Cotecna's mandate includes the documentary assessment, the physical inspection, sampling and testing of goods as well as factory audits when necessary.

**Fees**

Routes	Applicable fee (% of FOB value)	Minimum fees	Maximum fees
A	0,53%	300 EUR	7000 EUR
B	0,45%	300 EUR	7000 EUR
C	0,27%	220 EUR	7000 EUR