PRODUCT CERTIFICATION PROCESS FLOW

Exporter submits request for Product Certificate (RFPC) and other required supporting documents. (OMS, Test report etc)

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SGS receives RFPC and review the required supporting documents, verifies supplier/or factory audit

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Result satisfactory? — No → SGS request Exporter to provide additional documents

Yes ↓

SGS issue PC, Transmit PC to SON portal by xml and deliver PC to exporter

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Importer received PC from Exporter; validate PC on SON portal www.son.gov.ng to open form M

SONCAP CERTIFICATION PROCESS FLOW

Exporter submits request for SONCAP Certificate (RFC) and other shipping documents

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SGS receives RFC, review required supporting documents, conduct physical inspection/witness container stuffing and sealing where applicable

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Result satisfactory? — No → SGS request Exporter to perform a corrective action/ otherwise issue a NCR

Yes ↓

SGS issue SC, Transmit SC to SON portal by xml and deliver SC to the exporters

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Importer received SC from Exporter; validate SC on SON portal www.son.gov.ng for processing of PAAR for clearing purpose.

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STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

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THE PROGRAMME

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) Introduced a Conformity Assessment Programme (CAP), known as SONCAP, based on a policy of the Federal Government of Nigeria to check and control the importation of substandard and unsafe products. The Policy became effective in December 1, 2005.

SGS accreditation for the re-engineered SONCAP was renewed on November 14 2012 and came into effect from March 1, 2013.

SGS can test and verify your products against SON'S offshore Standards Organisation of Nigeria Conformity Assessment Programme (SONCAP). Under SONCAP, goods intended for import which are on the list of regulated products must undergo a products conformity assessment in their country of origin.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that regulated products comply with the NIS or approved standards prior to export to Nigeria.
- To provide a level playing field in terms of quality, for both regulated and locally manufactured in order to prevent unfair market competition.
- To prevent the dumping of substandard goods into the Nigeria market and as a result preventing economic loss to the importer and nation at large.
- To prevent loss of lives and property including foreign exchange bearing in mind that the exporting country/ Exporter have been paid for the goods shipped into Nigeria.
- To forestall any adverse reaction (such as environmental pollution occasioned by destruction of substandard products) by regulatory Agencies on arrival of such goods in Nigeria.
- To facilitate trade through fast tract clearance of goods at the ports
- To encourage genuine investors and investments in Nigeria

ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION

Routes to Certification

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has defined three routes that may be applied as appropriate conformity assessment procedures for product(s) subject to SONCAP, according to type, risk and effect on the health, safety and environmental protection.

The routes are:

Route A: For Unregistered/Unlicensed products (Conformity Verification): Each shipment to be imported requires inspection, sampling, testing to applicable standards & FCL "Full container load "stuffing' supervision and sealing, based on risk assessment.

Route B: For Registered Products (Registration and Conformity Inspection): Registration of products is done following verification of supplier/manufacturer, Inspection, sampling, testing as per applicable standards and FCL supervision and sealing is required at least in 40% of the shipments.

Route C: For Licensed products (Product Certification Systems):

Licensing of products is based on detailed evaluation of the product, including testing and factory audit and regular surveillances at least twice a year.

SONCAP Certificate (SC): Issued for every shipment, upon shipment verification: documentary verification (including Product Certificate and satisfactory Test Report) and depending upon routes A, B or C

PURPOSE OF ATTESTATION

- Product Certificate (Unregistered or Registered or Licensed): Required by the importer to open a Form M, (import Application), prior to shipment of the goods from country of supply.
- SONCAP Certificate: A mandatory customs clearance documents in Nigeria, required by the importer for customs clearance.

Compliance with SON Requirements is confirmed through the issuance of:

- A Product Certificate (Unregistered): Issued per shipment and valid for 6months, is issued upon satisfactory completion of systematic inspection and product sampling, applicable only to route A.
- Product Certificate (Registered): Valid for one year, issued upon satisfactory completion of Supplier's/Manufacturer's verification, applicable to routes B
- Product Certificate (Licensed): Valid for one year, issued upon satisfactory completion of audit of Manufacturer's factory: applicable to routes C.
- A SONCAP Certificate (SC): Issued for every shipment, upon shipment verification: documentary verification (including Product Certificate and satisfactory Test Report) and depending upon routes A, B or C

SONCAP ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

Are fixed as follows:

- PC (Unregistered) = $300
- PC (Registered) = $300
- PC (Licensed) = $1,300

Additional models to be included in the same certificate and covered in the same test report are charged at an additional $5 per month per model which translates to $60 per annum.

- The cost of a new product is $300.
- SONCAP Certificate = $300
- NCR = $300
- Certificate Amendment = $100