



EXPORTER GUIDE TO ZIMBABWE



ZIMBABWE CONSIGNMENT BASED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (CBCA) PROGRAMME

The Zimbabwe CBCA programme, under the **Ministry of Industry and Commerce**, regulates the certification requirements for products exported to Zimbabwe.

In 2022, the Zimbabwe Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC) expanded the CBCA scope and appointed Cotecna to issue the mandatory Certificate of Conformity for all four CBCA programmes.

This guide covers getting a Certificate of Conformity for all four Zimbabwe CBCA programmes.

You can jump to the section by clicking on the programme titles below:



General Goods

This programme regulates the importation of all regulated goods except Used Motor Vehicles and Used Spare Parts.



Consolidated Goods

The Consolidated Goods programme regulates the export of goods from more than one consignee.



Used Motor Vehicles and Used Spare Parts

For successful import, used motor vehicles and used spare parts must meet the specified safety standards.



Destination Inspection

Regulated products without a valid Certificate of Conformity upon arrival will be subject to a Destination Inspection at the Zimbabwe port of entry.

WHY COTECNA?

Please note: Costs of the inspection, analysis and/or certification are borne by the seller and are quoted at the time of nomination. Cost varies depending on the products certified and exporting country. This programme is subject to the Cotecna [General Terms and Conditions](#)

CBCA REGULATED PRODUCTS



Food and Agriculture



Building products



Petroleum and fuel



Petroleum Gases and other
Gaseous Hydrocarbons



Insecticides, rodenticides,
fungicides, herbicides and similar



Other articles of plastics and
articles of other materials



Used Motor Vehicles



Paper products



Optical products



Packaging materials



Electrical/electronic products



Body care and health products



Automotive and transportation



Clothing and textile



Toys



Used Spare Parts

Important: Counterfeit goods are prohibited.

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](#) or [Cotecna Zimbabwe](#).

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GENERAL GOODS

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General Goods certification is the oldest Zimbabwe CBCA programme. As of April 2022, Cotecna is authorized to issue Certificates of Conformity for **General Goods** exported to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

To issue a Certificate of Conformity, Cotecna must first determine if the product complies with local, regional and international standards. Cotecna will follow one of the three following ways of assessment called "**Routes**", depending on the profile of the exporter:

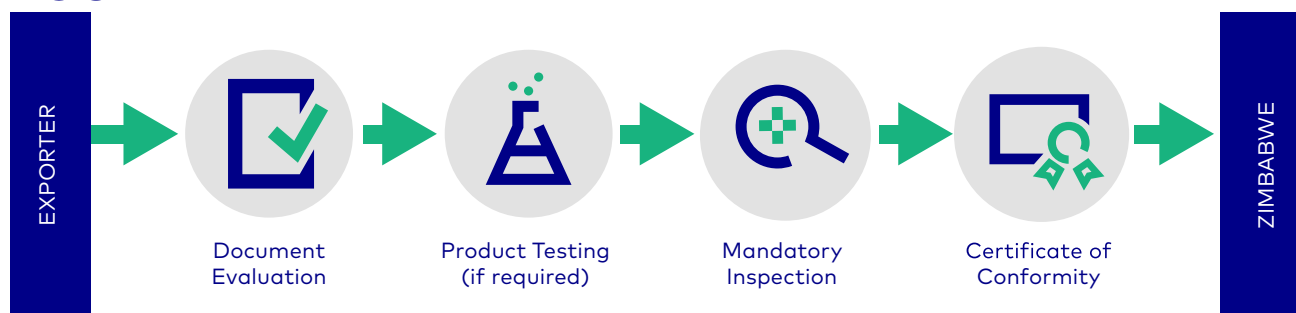
The exporter/applicant must provide Cotecna with the following documents for all routes (A,B,C):

1. Completed Cotecna [Request for Conformity \(RFC\) form](#).

For faster certification, you can submit your RFC through the [Cotecna Customer Portal](#).

2. Proforma/Commercial Invoice and packing list (mandatory for Route A).
3. Product technical specification from the manufacturer (if available).
4. Production data, batch size/number, manufacturer info, product and expiry date, etc.
5. Manual/operating instructions (where applicable).
6. QMS Certificates (if available).
7. Distributorship/Dealership agreements (if available).
8. Test reports traceable to the goods being shipped.

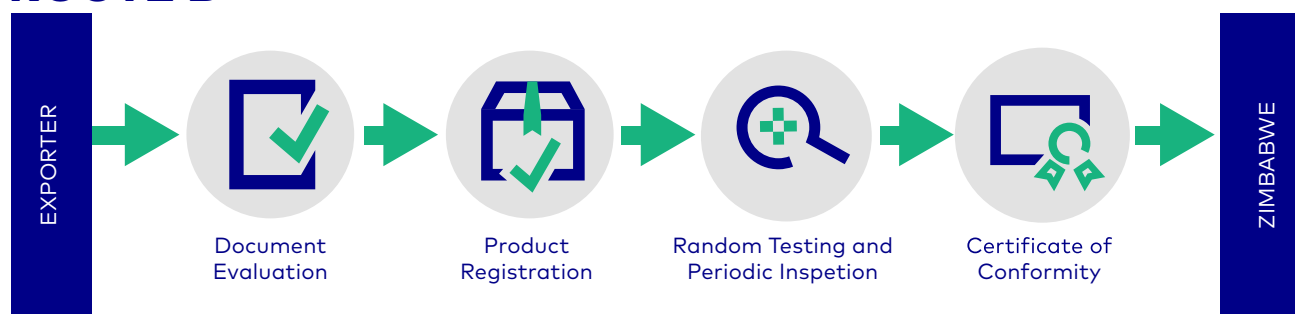
ROUTE A



> Route A Shipment Verification

Ideal for exporters with infrequent shipments or sensitive products.

ROUTE B



> Route B Product Registration

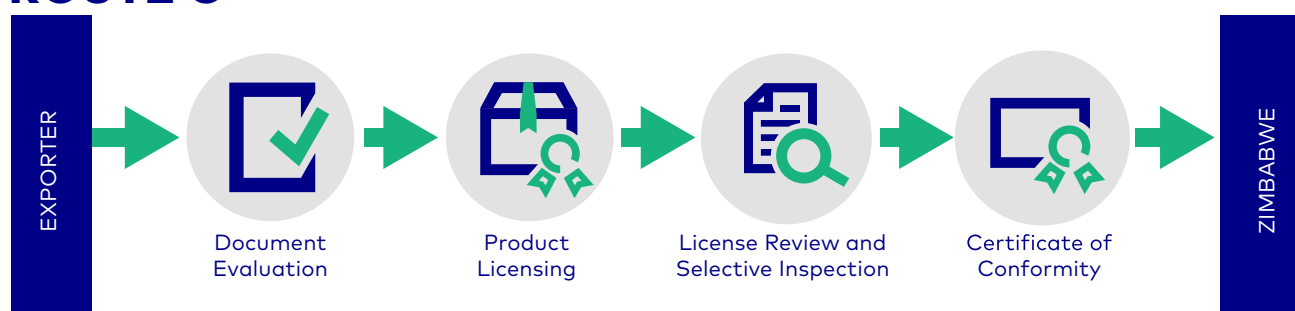
Suitable for exporters with regular shipments with non-sensitive homogeneous products. Homogeneous or reasonably consistent products can be registered for Route B.

A Statement of Registration (SoR) will be issued for products verified to meet applicable standards.

The SoR is:

- > Valid for 1 year (upon payment of applicable fees).
- > Not transferable to 3rd parties.
- > Subject to monitoring inspection.

ROUTE C



> Route C Product Licensing

Suitable for manufacturers, official distributors and brand owners with regular and high-volume shipments to Zimbabwe and having a Quality Management System (QMS) applied to their production/manufacturing process.

A Product License (i.e Statement of License - SoL) is issued for products that have been verified to meet the relevant requirements.

The SoL is:

- > Valid for 1 year (upon payment of applicable fees).
- > Subject to random inspection throughout the year and annual factory inspections/audits. Cotecna will conduct annual audit of the manufacturing process and review the quality management system for licensed products.

NB: If you have an existing **SoR** or **SoL** please [contact us](#) to determine if it is applicable.

FEES

Routes	Applicable fee (% of FOB value)	Minimum Fee in US\$	Maximum Fee in US\$
A	0.50%	240	2675
B	0.45%	240	2675
C	0.25%	240	2675

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CONSOLIDATED GOODS

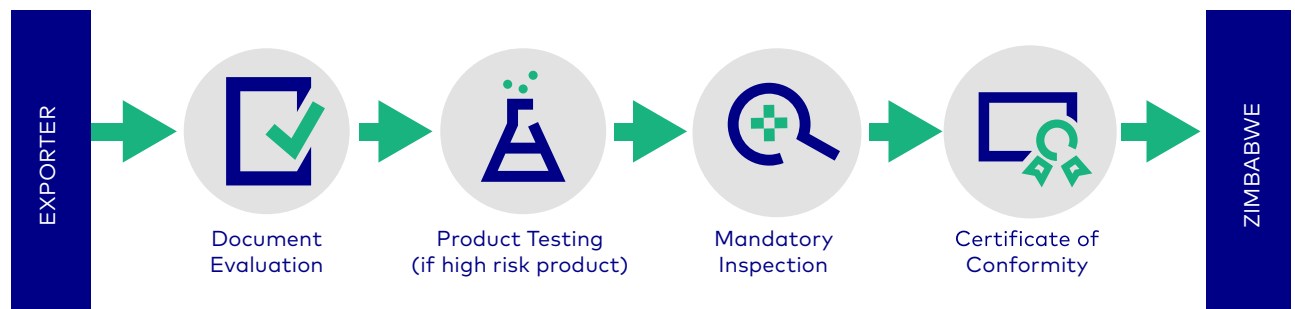
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As a trusted Zimbabwe partner, Cotecna is mandated by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to execute the Zimbabwe Consignment Based Conformity Assessment programme for **Consolidated Goods**.

This programme is for small traders with consolidated cargo or for consolidated cargoes belonging to at least three consignees.

To issue a Certificate of Conformity, Cotecna must first determine if the product complies with the standards set by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. To determine compliance, the Verification of Conformity process will follow an assessment process called "**Route D**".

ROUTE D



> **Route D** started on 1st June 2022 and is for small trader consolidated cargo. In addition, Route D is applicable for consolidated cargoes belonging to several consignees.

To qualify for this route, the shipment must comprise of cargo from **at least 3 different exporters**.

Route D Requirements

- > Packing list (mandatory) contains information of the identity of the individual package owner.
- > Inspection is performed prior to shipment.
- > Where a shipment contains specific high risk products, these will be checked during the inspection.

FEES

Routes	Applicable fee (% of FOB value)	Minimum Fee in US\$	Maximum Fee in US\$
D	0.65%	245	2650

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USED MOTOR VEHICLES & USED SPARE PARTS

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On the 1st of June 2022, the Zimbabwe Ministry of Industry and Commerce launched the CBCA **Used Motor Vehicles and Used Spare Parts Programme**. This programme regulates the certification requirements for imported **Used Motor Vehicle and Used Spare Parts**.

Under the Zimbabwe CBCA programme the following products qualify for export to Zimbabwe and require a Certificate of Conformity:

- > Passenger cars and light commercial vehicles under 5 tonnes.
- > Used motor vehicle spare parts

Important: Vehicles with altered odometers are not permitted for import.

In case of doubt, please [contact us](#) to determine if your products are subject to regulation.

To assess the conformity of regulated goods, the Verification of Conformity process will take the following process:

1. Exporter/Importer submits a completed [Request for Certification](#) form.
2. Cotecna schedules the inspection.
3. Inspection is conducted based on applicable standards.
4. Certificate of Conformity is issued if the vehicle passes inspection.
5. If the vehicle fails inspection and if possible, it can be re-inspected after repair.
6. A Non-Conformance Report is issued if the vehicle fails inspection and cannot be repaired or fails the second inspection after repairs. In this case, the motor vehicle will be rejected for import.

FEES

Inspection costs **\$140** and is borne by the exporter. The fee covers inspection, analysis and/or certification.

DESTINATION INSPECTION

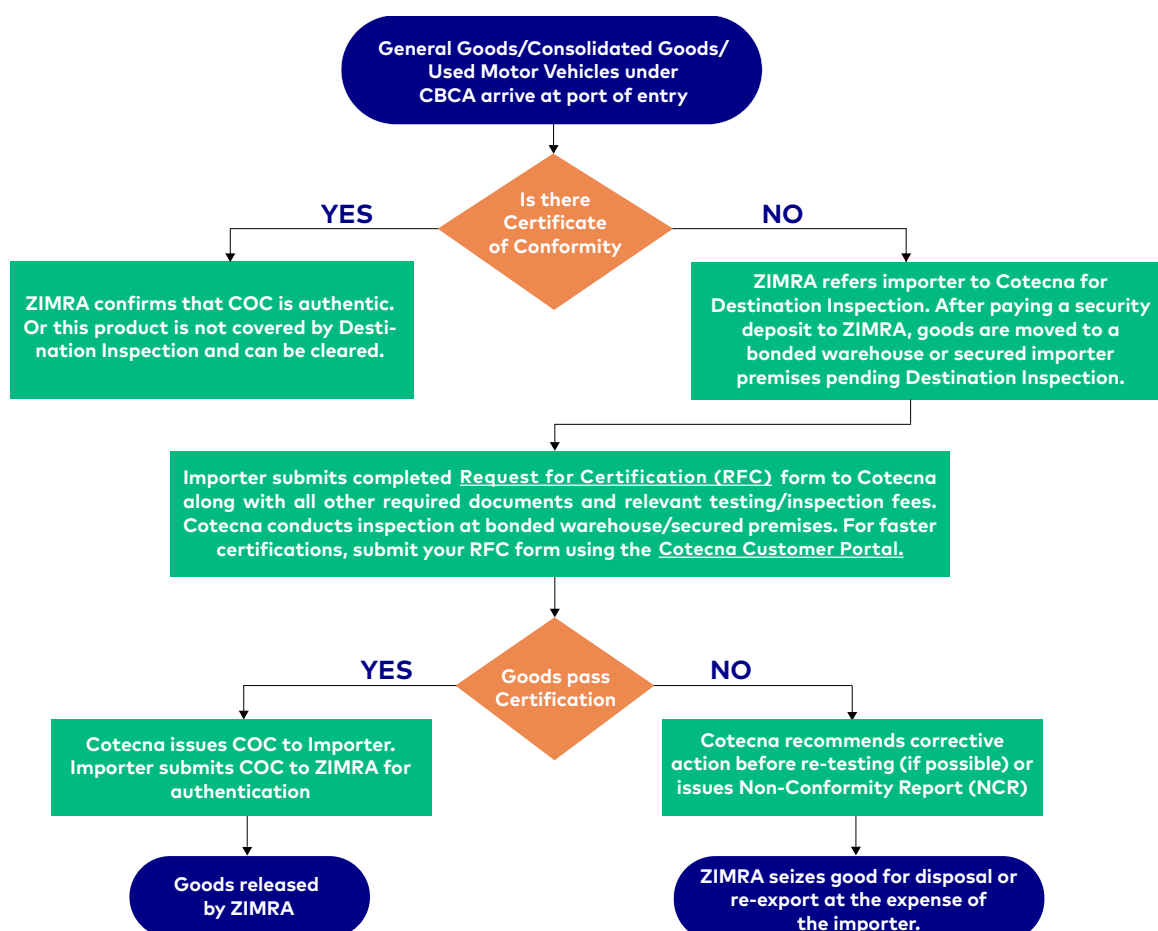
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On the 1st of June 2022, the Zimbabwe Ministry of Industry and Commerce launched the CBCA Destination Inspection programme. This means that every consignment of regulated products exported to Zimbabwe without the mandatory Certificate of Conformity will be subject to a Destination Inspection at the port of entry. In addition, all Destination Inspections will be subject to a penalty of 15% CIF paid to ZIMRA (Zimbabwe Revenue Authority).

To find out about pre-shipment certification please check here for [General Goods, Consolidated Goods, Used Motor Vehicles and Used Spare Parts](#).

DESTINATION INSPECTION PROCESS

Important: All products found to be non-compliant with local, regional and/or international standards will be destroyed/disposed of by the relevant authorities (ZIMRA or Zimbabwe Customs) at the importer's expense. Alternatively, non-compliant goods will be returned to the exporting country, also at the importer's expense.



Destination Inspection Certification Requirements

- > Importer must move the goods to a bonded warehouse or any other suitable location, to allow for inspection.
- > 15% CIF penalty fee to be paid to Treasury (ZIMRA).

Important: A preliminary review will be conducted to assess if the provided information is complete and accurate. Incomplete documents will result in certification delays.

Other Importer Responsibilities

- > Cover the cost of additional sampling, transportation and testing fees as required.
- > Cover expenses arising from storage, demurrage, unloading of the container or truck, handling of goods for inspection, and any other costs related to Destination Inspection.

Destination Inspection Fees

Product Category	Fees as a percentage of declared FOB value	Minimum Fee in US\$	Maximum Fee in US\$
Used Motor Vehicles	Not applicable	140	200
Used Motor Vehicles Parts	0.5%	245	2650
Consolidated Goods	0.65% of the value of the container charged to the consolidator	245	2650
General Goods	Route A - 0.50% Route B - 0.45% Route C - 0.245%	240	2650

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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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7. Distributorship/Dealership agreements (if available).
8. Test reports traceable to the goods being shipped (if available).

Additional Requirements:

> Laboratory testing

If the product test report is not available or is missing essential test criteria, Cotecna will take samples from the shipment and perform the necessary tests in an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory.

> Physical inspection

Cotecna will physically inspect the goods and ensure essential markings comply with Zimbabwe standards, take samples and seal the container if required.

> Certificate of Conformity

Cotecna will issue a Certificate of Conformity (COC) only if the exporter/application meets the Zimbabwe MIC requirements, following a successful completion of the evaluation, inspection and testing.

> Fees

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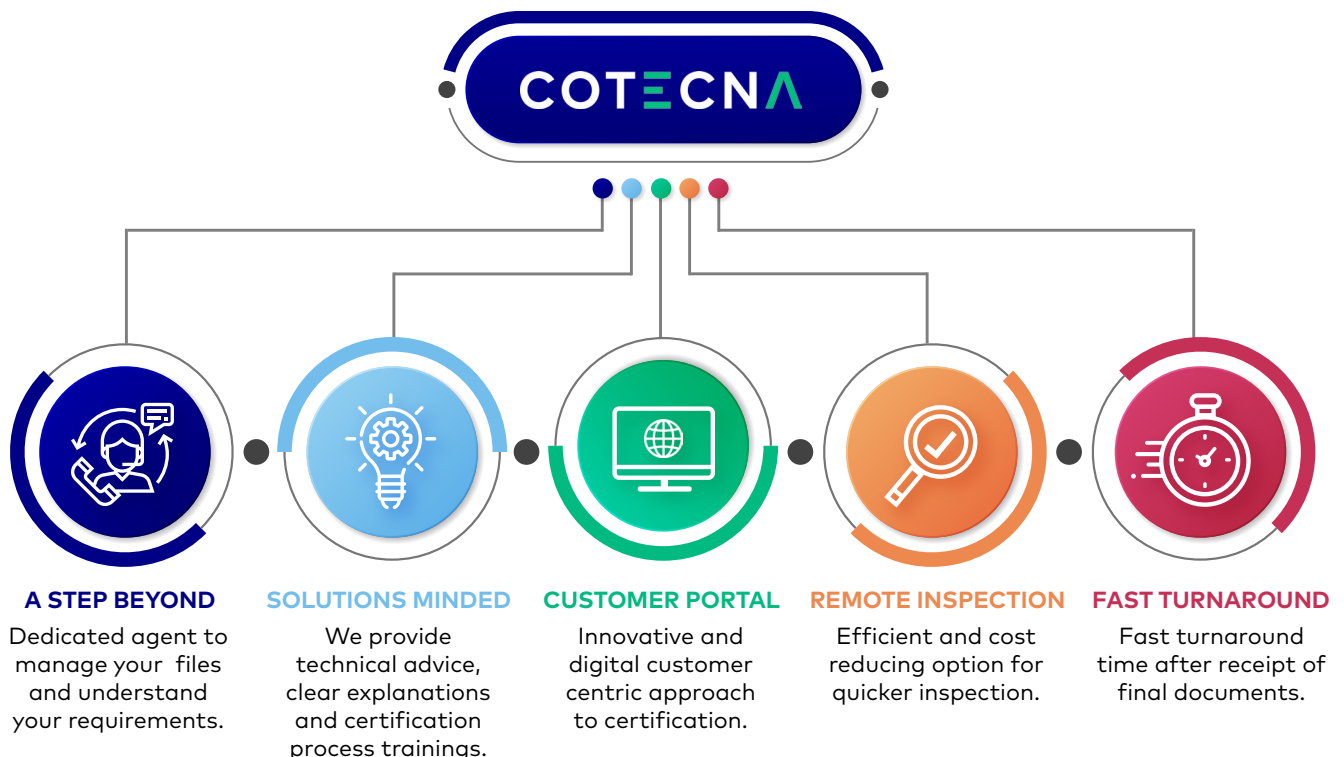
Cotecna is a leading provider of testing, inspection and certification services. We offer solutions to facilitate trade and make supply chains safer and more efficient for our clients.

Founded in Switzerland in 1974, Cotecna started as a family business and has grown into a global network of over 5000 employees. Cotecna has close to 100 offices and certified laboratories in over 50 countries. To date, we have partnered with many governments to help protect their people, environments and wealth from unsafe and sub-standard products.

Cotecna is currently offering VOC services in the following countries:

 Algeria	 Côte d'Ivoire	 Congo Brazzaville	 Egypt (GOEIC, NFSA)
 Ethiopia	 Gabon	 Nigeria	 Saudi Arabia (SASO-SABER, SFDA, G-MARK, Halal)
 Somaliland	 Sudan	 Zimbabwe (General Goods, Consolidated Goods, Destination Inspection, Used Motor Vehicle and Used Spare Parts)	

What we offer



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