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Tanzania Launched a Pre-Export Verification of Conformity

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Report Highlights:

The Government of Tanzania recently launched a Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) program that, like the Kenyan PVoC, may reduce the risk of entry problems and complications for exporters to Tanzania.

General Information:

On February 1, 2012, the Government of Tanzania (GOT) established the PVoC and identified certifying agents Bureau Veritas, Société Générale de Surveillance S.A. (SGS) and Intertek International Ltd. as qualified certifiers. Exports or consolidators may receive a certificate of conformity (COC), valid for three months, from the abovementioned certifying agents if the inspected products meet Tanzanian requirements.

For those exporters and consolidators who choose to bypass the PVoC will be subject to a penalty of 15 percent on the CIF value of the goods and may also be subject to other application, inspection, testing and batch certification fees. Please make note of the specifics at the following Website:
(http://www.tbs.go.tz/images/uploads/APPLICABLE_PENALTY_-_PVoC_PROGRAMME.pdf)

For the location of Tanzanian compulsory standards: [List of Compulsory Standards-edited.pdf](#)

For PVoC certification procedures: [HARMONISED PROCEDURE - for PVOC.pdf](#)

For a list of products applicable to the PVoC: [PVoC List of Products-EDITED.pdf](#)