

**TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE**



STATE OF QATAR
Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Qatar



This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to Qatar

PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Certificate of Conformity for Food and Beverages Shipments
PROGRAM MANDATE BY	Ministry of Public Health & Food Safety Department (MoPh-FSD), Qatar
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	25 th Jan 2024
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES	To assess and verify the conformity of food and beverage products intended for export to Qatar in alignment with QATAR/GSO regulations and technical specifications.
VERIFICATION PROCESS	<p>Verger conducts the following as part of the verification process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of compliance with applicable updated QATAR/GSO standards. • Physical inspection of each consignment. • Collect a sample from each consignment alongside the physical inspection. The sampling process will follow specific product QATAR/GSO standard requirements, and each sample will be marked with the VERGER reference/sample sticker (the sticker serial number will be considered as the 'reference number') to enable traceability. • Sampling for testing will be conducted based on the risk of the product category (details can be shared based on product details) • Sealing of cartons with Verger tamper-evident tape. • Copy of the sampling receipt will be attached to the inspection report for traceability. • Copy of the sample -receipt will be attached to the collected sample, serving as a reference document for the testing laboratory. • Testing to be conducted by ISO/IEC 17025-accredited laboratories. • Once it is confirmed the sample has passed relevant tests, the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued. CoC shall include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full reference and traceability to samples drawn (sample reference number) for testing ✓ If the product fails testing, a Non-Compliance Report (NCR) is issued.
ROUTES	<p>Route A: Applicable to non-registered products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves full pre-shipment inspection and testing • Visual inspection includes label, storage checks, container loading supervision stuffing and container sealing.
APPROVED LABORATORY	As per GSO requirements, testing must be conducted in an approved ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory
DOCUMENTATION	<p>Exporters must submit the following to Verger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Certification and Declaration of Conformity • Commercial Invoice • Documents: Ingredient list with concentrations, Certificate of Analysis {batch-wise}, product labels/artworks and Hygiene certificate • MoPH Registration Number (QFR certificate) • Test reports from ISO/IEC 17025-accredited labs • Quality Management Certifications (ISO 9001, ISO 22000, HACCP, GMP, or equivalent) • Halal certificate from approved bodies (as applicable) • Certificate of Origin and Health Certificate (if applicable) • Phytosanitary & Fumigation Certificate (if applicable) • Establishment Registration (if required)
CERTIFICATE	A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued to evidence the compliance of the shipment.
OTHERS	<p>MOPH circulars on food updates/recalls/ban/warnings available at:</p> <p>Ministry of Public Health - Publications (moph.gov.qa)</p> <p>Ministry of Public Health - Homepage (moph.gov.qa)</p>
VERGER COVERAGE	Global



SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	
ARE USED PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM?	No
REGULATED PRODUCTS	As per the list attached in the MOPH website
LABELLING & SHELF-LIFE REQUIREMENTS	All food products should have marking/labelling as per updated requirements of QATAR/GSO 9. Detailed marking requirements as per product category should be available on specific food products. Shelf-life requirements of food products shall be as per regulation. QATAR/GSO 150-1:2013/Amd 2:2022; QATAR/GSO 150-2:2013
FLOOR VALUE	N/A

FEES
For fee details please contact VERGER office.

REGULATED PRODUCTS
All food & beverages

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