



EXPORTER GUIDE TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



UAE Product Certification Scheme

Cotecna is notified by the Ministry of Industry & Advanced Technology (MoIAT) to certify regulated products in the UAE. The program focuses on safety of the consumers in the local market. ECAS & EQM certificates are issued for regulated products that conform with the approved technical requirements.

Regulated Categories (MoIAT):

Cotecna provides conformity assessment for the following product categories, ensuring they meet UAE, regional or international standards:



Cosmetics, Personal Care & Baby Products



Perfumes & Fragrances



Food Contact Material



Low Voltage Electrical Equipment (LVE)



Energy Efficiency Rating (EER)



Energy Efficiency Standards Labelling (EESL)



Paints



Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)



Industrial Measurement Systems

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 Middle East](#).



Certificate of Conformity Process

The conformity assessment process and issuance of ECAS or EQM certificate is based on document verification and factory audit (wherever applicable).

ECAS: All Product Categories (except the mandatory EQM categories mentioned below)

EQM: Mandatory only for Drinking Water, Energy Drinks and Dairy Products

****Voluntary EQM is applicable to all product categories**

Note: To start the conformity process, fill out and submit the Cotecna Request for Certification (RFC) form.

The product certification process includes one or a combination of the following kinds of verification to ensure the product is compliant with UAE, Regional or International standards:

1. Documentation verification

The exporter/applicant must provide Cotecna with the following documents for verification:

1. A filled out Cotecna [Request for Certification form](#).
2. GMP and Free sale certificate (wherever applicable)
3. Artworks
4. Product photos
5. Valid conformity documents (such as laboratory test reports issued by an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, technical data, analysis certificates, Quality Management System certificate, etc) and any other relevant documentation.

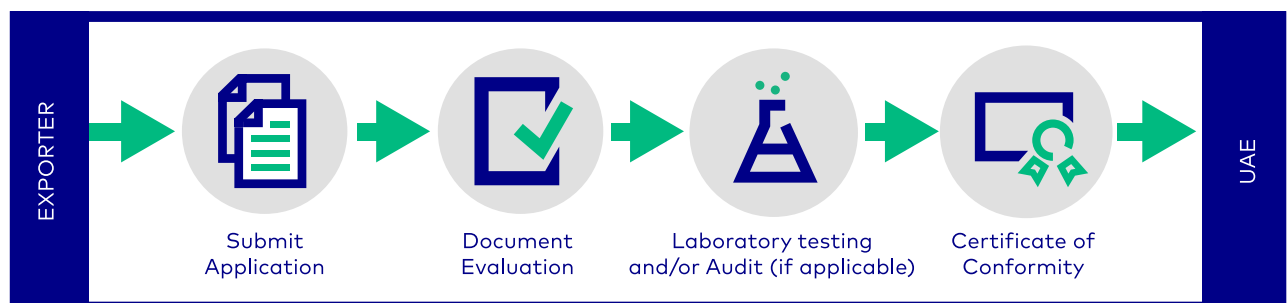
Documents requirements differ from product to product. Please contact your local [Cotecna office](#) to know more about exact requirements.

2. Laboratory testing in the exporting country

Testing report issued by ISO 17025 accredited lab are required. If unavailable, Cotecna can assist you with complete testing of your products in our state of the art laboratories.

3. Certificate of Conformity

Upon satisfactory document assessment an ECAS/EQM certificate will be issued to enable easy access for your products in the UAE market.



Certification Fees

Costs of the COC (certification and inspection), sealing and/or analysis are borne by the exporter and are quoted at the time of nomination.

For fees, please contact your nearest [Cotecna office directly](#).

WHY COTECNA?

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 6200 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.

For more information, exporters can contact their nearest [Cotecna office](#).

Cotecna is currently offering VOC services in the following countries:

Africa:

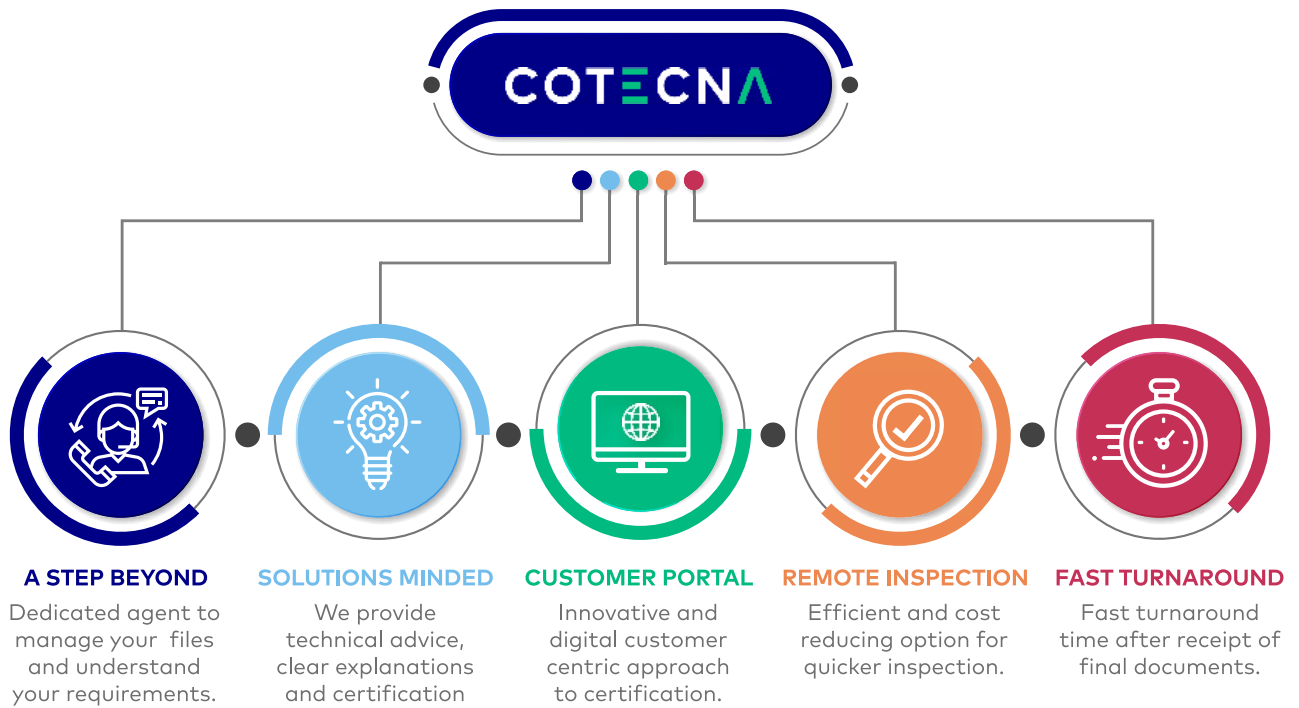
- > Algeria
- > Côte d'Ivoire
- > Congo Brazzaville
- > Egypt
- > Ethiopia
- > Gabon
- > Nigeria
- > Somaliland
- > Sudan
- > Zimbabwe

Middle East:

- > Oman
- > Bahrain
- > Saudi Arabia
- > United Arab Emirates



What We Offer



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Additional Certifications

Gulf Conformity Mark (G-Mark) Scheme

Cotecna is a GSO Notified Body able to issue Certificates of Conformity for regulated products. Our mandate consists of undertaking conformity assessment activities for importers and exporters and issuing relevant Gulf Type Examination Certificates (GTEC) and/or Shipment Certificates for regulated products that comply with [GSO Technical Regulation](#) requirements.

Halal Certification

Cotecna is accredited by GCC Accreditation Center (GAC - HPC 0060), United Arab Emirates MoIAT and Saudi FDA to provide [Halal Certification services globally](#).

OMAN Low Voltage Product Certification (DGSM) Scheme

Cotecna is also accredited by the Oman Director of Standards and Metrology (DGSM) to issue Certificates of Conformity for [Low Voltage Electrical Equipment](#) and Appliance exported to Oman.

Bahrain BTMD Scheme

Cotecna is authorized by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism of the Kingdom of Bahrain (BTMD) to issue Certificates of Conformity under the [Energy Efficiency Regulation](#) for Air Conditioners.

Saudi Arabia SFDA Scheme

Cotecna is authorized by the [Saudi Food & Drugs Authority \(SFDA\)](#) to issue a Certificate of Conformity for exports of all regulated cosmetic and food products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SASO Scheme

Cotecna is authorised by the [Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation \(SASO\)](#) to issue a Shipment Certificate of Conformity for exports of regulated products in Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa regions.

Saudi Quality Mark (SQM)

The [SQM program](#) is designed to enhance product quality across various sectors within Saudi Arabia. The program verifies that regulated products adhere to required Saudi and international standards.

This program is subject to the Cotecna General [Terms and Conditions](#).

For more information, exporters can contact their nearest [Cotecna office](#) and importers in UAE directly contact: [Cotecna Dubai](#)

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