



EXPORTER GUIDE TO EGYPT



NFSA CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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NFSA VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (VOC) PROGRAMME

The National Food Safety Authority (NFSA), under the Egyptian Ministry of Industry and Trade, regulates the certification requirements for imported food and beverages.

This guide covers the requirements of obtaining the Certificate of Conformity (COC), required for customs clearance.

The Certificate of Conformity is issued by NFSA Registered Inspection Companies like **Cotecna Inspection S.A (Cotecna)** and is needed for every consignment of regulated goods.

Attention: For exporters shipping non-food products, please refer to [the GOEIC certification guide](#).

Please note, some products are subject to certification under both GOEIC and NFSA programmes.

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NFSA REGULATED PRODUCTS:

Below is a comprehensive list of NFSA regulated products requiring Certificates of Conformity for export to Egypt. 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 Egypt](#).

Sr. No	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
1	Wheat
2	Milk and dairy products
3	Preserved and dried fruits
4	Oils and fats
5	Sugar confectionery
6	Chocolate and food preparations containing cocoa
7	Fruit juice
8	Natural, mineral and soda water
9	Sugar
10	Edible-Oil
11	Rice
12	Nutritional dough and foods prepared from grains, oilseeds, and their derivatives
13	Food Contact Tools
14	Production inputs (Includes raw materials, intermediate goods, additives, flavouring agents, processing aids)

3. NFSA CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY PROCESS

To issue a shipment Certificate of Conformity, Cotecna follows the following process:

1. Documentation verification

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

- i) A filled out Cotecna [Request for Certification form](#)
- ii) Commercial Invoice: Please note, it is a NFSA requirement to declare the manufacturer's name and address in addition to the importer and exporters' full contact details.
- iii) Packing List
- iv) Transport document, for instance, bill of lading (B/L) or airway bill (AWB) to be submitted after inspection.
- v) > For food Products, Sampling and testing at accredited ISO17025 lab is required.
> For food contact materials, valid testing report from accredited ISO17025 lab is required.

*** A conformity document is valid when:**

- > It has been issued by an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. The scope of lab accreditation must be relevant to the required tests.
- > If traceability between the conformity document and the goods of the consignment can be established.
- > It covers the exact same production batch as the goods exported.
- > It strictly covers 100% of the products in the consignment.
- > It is in compliance with Egyptian standards and requirements.

2. Laboratory testing in the exporting country

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.

3. Physical inspection in exporting country

Cotecna will physically inspect the goods and ensure essential markings comply with Egyptian standards, take samples (see above) and seal the container if required.

4. Certificate of Conformity

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

Value of delivery of the shipment on board	Fee - in US dollars
From 0 - 60,000 USD	600
From 60,001 - 100,000 USD	800
From 100,001 - 200,000 USD	1,500
From 200,001 - 500,000 USD	2,500
From 500,001 with more	3,500

To download the Request for Certification or access the Cotecna Contact List, please click [here](#).
For more information, you can directly contact your nearest [Cotecna office](#).

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