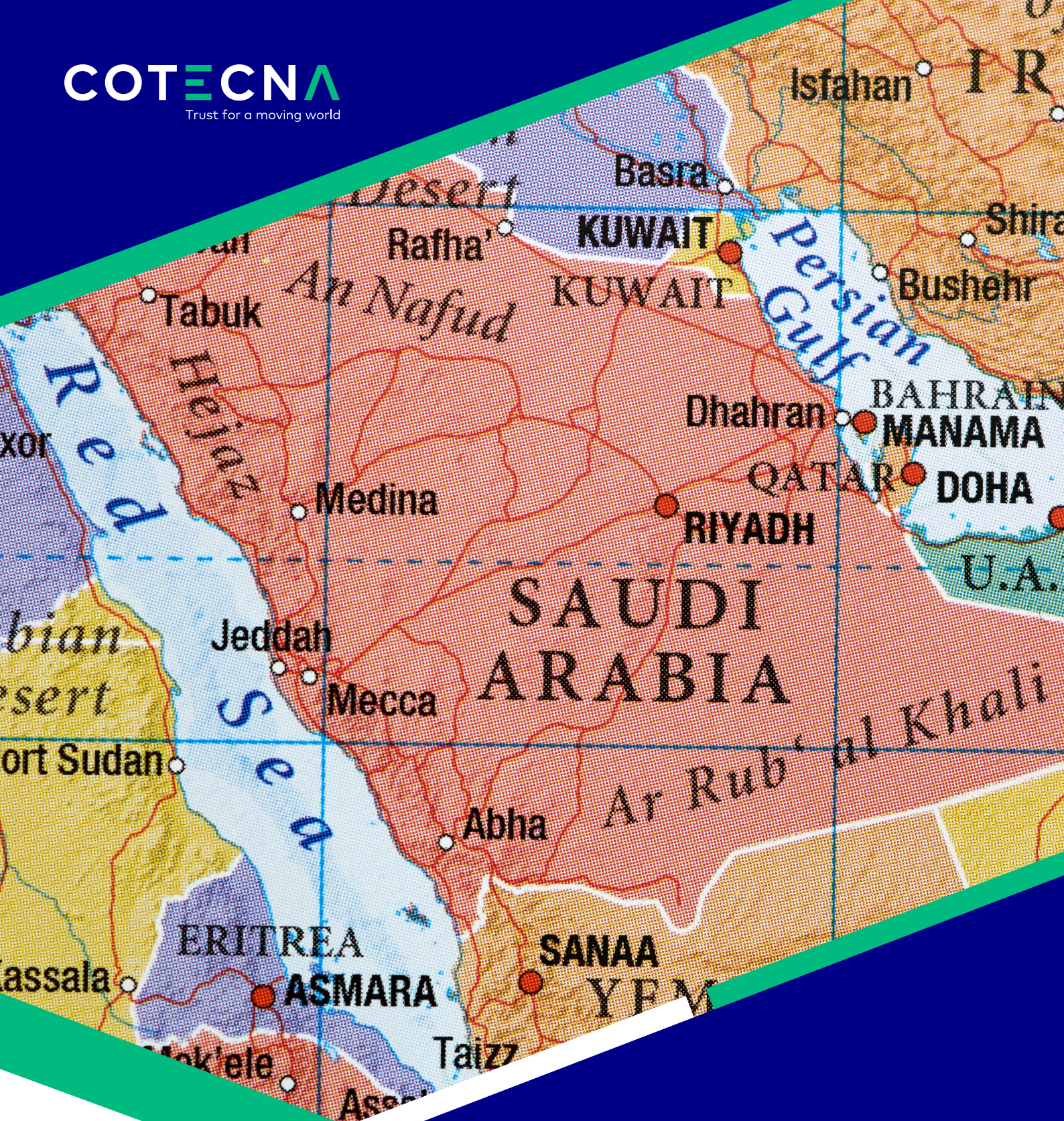




# G-MARK EXPORTER GUIDE

The Gulf Conformity Mark (G-Mark) is a specific marking of the **Gulf Cooperation Council** (GCC). It is affixed to a product and/or its packaging to indicate that the product follows requirements set out in the applicable Gulf Technical Regulations.

G-Mark is considered as an important regional certification that manufacturers must obtain to legally sell all regulated products in the Gulf Cooperation Council member states. It provides assurance that the products meet the necessary technical and safety standards.

G-Mark is a requirement for all regulated products that are being sold in the seven Arab countries that make up the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO), including:

- > Bahrain
- > Kuwait
- > Oman
- > Qatar
- > Saudi Arabia
- > UAE
- > Yemen

Cotecna is a notified body by GSO to issue a G-Mark certificate for all regulated products under G-Mark LVE, toys and GSO WER.

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## G-MARK NOTIFICATION SCOPE

**The G-Mark certification is a mandatory certification for all of the following:**

1. Low Voltage Equipment (Please refer to the LVE regulated product list below)
2. All children's Toys
3. Water Efficiency and Rationalization (WER)

### Key Aspects of the G-Mark

- > It covers safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) aspect of the product.
- > Undergoes market surveillance to ensure continued compliance.
- > Certification is mandatory for all regulated products.
- > Does not require factory inspections, but does involve sample testing.
- > The Gulf Type Examination Certificate is valid for a maximum of 3 years.



## GSO LVE Regulated Products

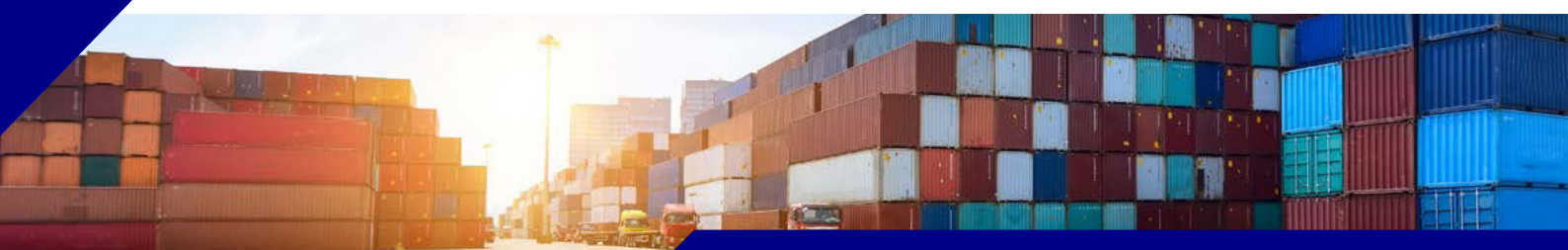
- > Domestic electrical fans
- > Refrigerators, freezers and similar items
- > Washing machines
- > Food grinders and mixers, fruit juicers and similar items
- > Toasters
- > Hairdressing appliances
- > Room heaters
- > Water heaters
- > Microwave ovens
- > Other ovens
- > Air conditioners
- > Plugs and sockets and similar items
- > Irons and similar items

### GSO LVE REQUIREMENTS

To obtain the Gulf Mark (G-Mark) for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances, the following documents must be submitted:

- 1. Completed Product Certification Application Form:** Filled out and duly signed.
- 2. Written Declaration:** Confirming that the same application has not been submitted to any other Notified Body.
- 3. Valid Commercial Registry Certificate:** A current certificate from the applicant's business registration.
- 4. Test Report:** From a third-party accredited laboratory, including safety and EMC test results.
- 5. Manufacturer Risk Assessment:** Completed and signed, submitted as an attachment.
- 6. Product Photos:** Clear images of the product, brand/trademark, plug, as well as GCTS logo along with QR Code and packaging photo.
- 7. Safety Information:** Instructions for use provided, in Arabic and English.
- 8. Technical Documentation:** This includes a list of components, materials, sub-assemblies, circuit diagrams used in the electrical equipment, PCB layout, etc.
- 9. Declaration of Conformity:** A signed applicant declaration stating that the product meets the relevant regulation requirements (attached).

**Note that:** The GSO certificate validity shall be 3 years



## GSO TOYS REGULATED PRODUCTS

All toys exported to the GCC are regulated under GSO toys program. According to GSO, any product is considered a toy if it has a "play value". Toys are products that are designed and intended for use in play for children under 14 years.

### GSO Toys Required Documents

To obtain the GSO toy certification, manufacturers must submit the following documentation:

1. A completed and signed Product Certification Application form.
2. A written declaration stating that the application has not been submitted to any other Notified Body.
3. A valid Commercial Registry certificate for the applicant.
4. Conformity documents, including test reports, demonstrating compliance.
5. CA filled-out and signed Manufacturer Risk Assessment.
6. Clear photos of the product, brand/trademark, plug, as well as GCTS logo and packaging.
7. Safety information and instructions for use, provided in Arabic and English.
8. Technical documentation such as a list of components and bill of materials.
9. A signed Declaration of Conformity stating the product meets the applicable regulation requirements.

The GCTS (Gulf Conformity Tracking Symbol) certification is valid for 3, 4, or 5 years, depending on the specific requirements. Adhering to these GSO toy certification procedures is mandatory for products sold in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states.

## GSO WER Regulated Products

This is a verification scheme where water efficiency labels will be issued based on testing and regulation requirements.

Products under this regulation are:

- > Taps, mixers, sprayers and Shattaf
- > Urinal systems
- > Water Flow Regulators Attached to Sanitary Ware
- > Water closet tanks-oriental types
- > WC toilets or flush tanks (Single and dual flushing).

### GSO WER REQUIREMENTS

To obtain the Gulf Mark (G-Mark) for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances, the following documents must be submitted:

1. Product description
2. Design Documentation
3. List of all applicable standards
4. Supporting Evidence for Technical Design
5. Product Identity Declaration
6. Manufacturer Declaration
7. Instructions for the installation
8. Photos or design artwork of the product(s), packaging, marking label(s) showing GCTS (when applicable) and green label

### Applying for G-Mark?

If you are interested in receiving a quotation, please [contact us](#).



## 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 140 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:

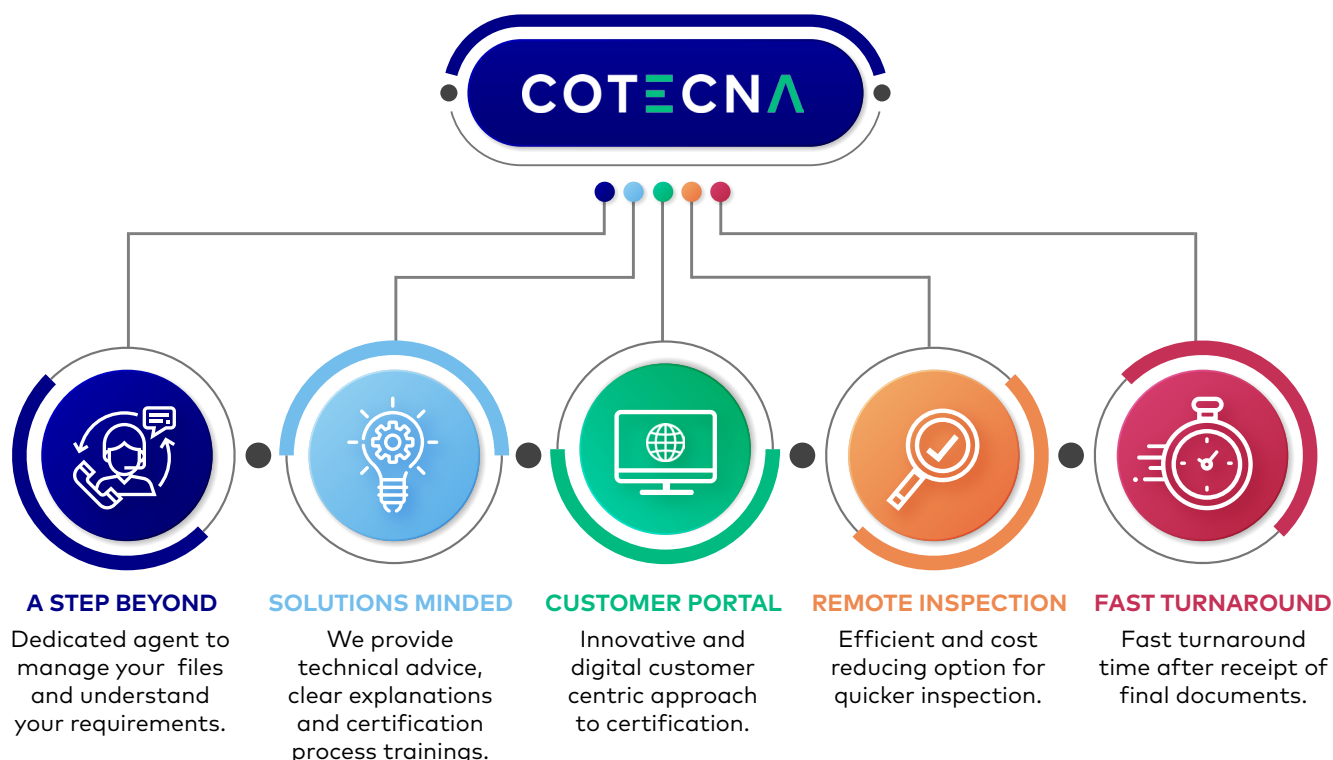
- > Algeria
- > Côte d'Ivoire
- > Congo Brazzaville
- > Egypt
- > Ethiopia
- > Gabon
- > Nigeria
- > Somaliland
- > Sudan
- > Zimbabwe

### Middle East:

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



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