

## **Verification Of Conformity**

### About VOC

- > Cotecna's Verification Of Conformity (VOC) services guarantees that the goods entering a country meet the required quality and safety standards, thereby protecting consumers and local businesses.
- > To do so, Cotecna performs a conformity assessment and issues a Certificate of Conformity (COC) allowing the imported goods to enter the country.

### **Key Benefits**



Provides quality and safety control by ensuring compliance with quality standards:



Protects consumers from non-compliant goods;



Promotes domestic industry against unfair competition;



Free of charge for governments;



Reduces port congestion by speeding up customs clearance procedures;



Provides Governments with an access to an online platform allowing for better supervision.

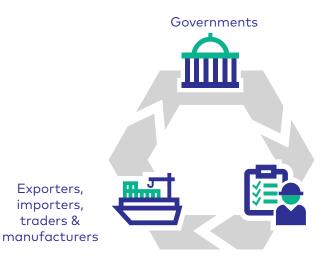
## Looking to guarantee the safety of the goods entering your country?

Globalization has led to an exponential increase of unsafe, substandard or counterfeit products in importing countries.

To respond to this challenge and address the immediate problem of product security, many Governments have introduced compulsory mechanisms also known as Verification Of Conformity (VOC) programmes.

Cotecna, as a third-party independent company, is appointed by those Governments to operate their VOC programmes and prevent non-compliant goods from being imported.

Our experience and expertise in VOC services, enable us to always ensure a strong level of control over goods entering the domestic market.



3rd party company -Cotecna



> Mandates 3rd party companies to operate their VOC programmes

traders &

> Defines & maintains quality standards and requirements



- > Verifies that all products comply with applicable standards before being shipped
- > Issues a Certificate of Conformity (COC) for each consignment

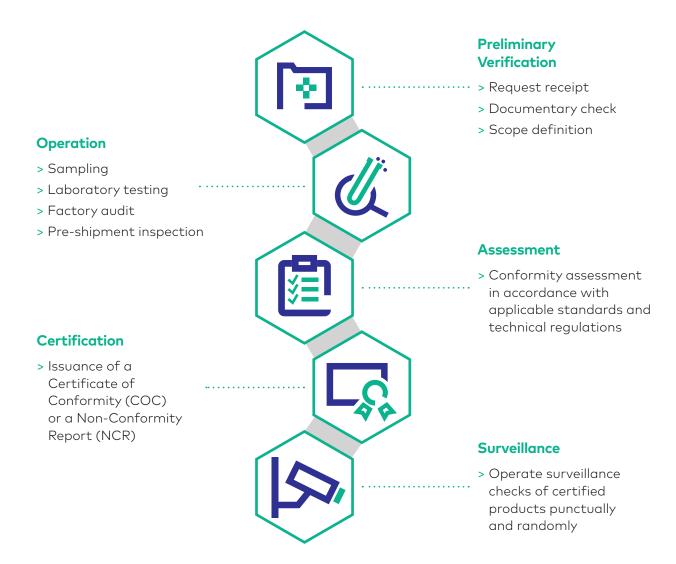


- > Provides Cotecna with all the information necessary to issue a COC
- > Trades safe products which comply with requirements

# Cotecna verifies, inspects and tests goods to guarantee quality and safety standards

Through our international network of offices and laboratories, we collaborate closely with exporters to facilitate the implementation of the VOC programme and provide efficient delivery of the Certificate of Conformity (COC).

Cotecna's 5-step conformity assessment process\* details how goods can be certified and receive a COC.



<sup>\*</sup> While the specific process may differ depending on the country, all conformity assessment programmes require exporters to follow a broad 5-step process in order to clear the goods through Customs.

#### **About Cotecna**

Cotecna, a swiss based service provider, is recognized as a world leader in the development of tailored solutions and know-how to facilitate trade and help governments boost their revenues.

Our technical expertise combined with the superior quality of our services and our ability to anticipate our clients' needs is what sets us apart.