COTECNA

Saudi Arabia

Cotecna, your exporting partner to Saudi Arabia for cosmetics

Why Cotecna

> Swiss group founded in 1974

> Global network of 5,000 employees in close to 100 offices & certified laboratories in over 50 countries

> Efficient and responsive services

About VOC

> VOC programmes ensure that exporters consignments comply with local importing regulations.

> 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.

Cotecna VOC Programmes

We also operate the following destinations:

> Algeria   > Ethiopia

> Côte d'Ivoire   > Sudan

> Egypt   > Gabon

> Nigeria   > Kenya

Cotecna is one of the world leaders in the field of testing, inspection and certification. We offer solutions that make trade easier and the supply chain safer and more efficient for our customers.

Exporting cosmetics to Saudi Arabia? Let us help you!

As a trusted partner of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Cotecna is approved to support the SFDA Cosmetics programme and perform a conformity assessment of cosmetic products.

Our role is to assess and verify the compliance of cosmetic products that will be exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in accordance with all regulations, rules and specifications approved by SFDA.

SFDA Cosmetics Conformity Assessment Routes

To assess the conformity of a shipment, the verification of conformity process will follow one of three levels of compliance, named "routes". The choice of the route depends on the profile of the exporter. These are:

Route A - for exporters with infrequent shipments (non-registered products)

It involves pre-shipment inspection and pre-shipment testing of products. Physical inspection can be carried out to verify the labelling/markage, storage and other visual verification.

Route B - for regular exporters with homogenous products (registered products)

This process involves product testing for compliance and the Statement of Product Registration is valid for a year.

ROUTE C – for regular exporters with homogenous products an high volumes (registered products)

This process involves product annual testing, an audit (annual or random).

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Extract of Regulated Products

Creams and lotions for skin

Makeup

Perfumes

Hair products

Solar products

Dental and oral care products

Shaving products

Soap

What type of services do we offer?

Personalized support for the exporter throughout the certification process

Verification of the conformity of your products to standards and safety requirements (documentary verification, physical inspection of the shipment, analysis in an accredited laboratory)

Regulatory support by one of our experts

Support for eCosma notification on the SFDA platform

The issuance of a Certificate of Conformity (COC) within 48 hours

Saudi Authorities Requirements

> The Importer must have an account with the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)

> Cosmetics and perfumery products must be registered and notified on SFDA electronic system eCosma

> Products must comply with GSO Technical Regulation GSO 1943/2016

> The Importer must have a valid commercial registration certificate which includes Cosmetics Trade as a registered commercial activity

> A Certificate of Conformity is mandatory before shipment

> The labelling and marking should meet the SFDA requirements

> The labelling must in Arabic

> The labelling should not contain graphics or images or phrases that are inconsistent with Islamic traditions and prevailing social values in GCC countries

Requested documents

> Completed RFC

> Proforma/final invoice

> QMS certificate or declaration of compliance to GMP (such as ISO 22716)

> ECosma numbers for all products

> Batch numbers for all products

> Warehouse Licence number of the importer

> Test report or lab report

> Specification sheet

> Artwork of the product

Mandatory documents for Route B

> Ingredients list (quali-quanti ingredients list)

> Artworks of the labels

> Product Safety Assessment (or copy of PIF) or Safety conclusion as a minimum