• PVOC Programme
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KENYA >> Regulation Overview

Waiver Control

- A waiver is not necessary. BSC / CTN is not required.

Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVOC) Programme

- **Commenced:** January 18th, 2012
- **Mandated by:** Kenya Bureau of Standards [KBS]
- **Regulation:** Standards Act Cap 496, Law of Kenya and the Quality Imports Order No. 78 of July, 2005
- **Certification:** Bureau Veritas has been appointed by Kenya Bureau of Standards to undertake the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standard Services.

For full details and procedures please view the BIVAC datasheet that appears at the end of this document.

Please note that the Kenya Bureau of Standards [KBS] has confirmed that Pre-Shipment Inspection and issuance of Certificate of Conformity has been expanded to cover almost all finished products imported into Kenya. See letter in Appendices.

For more information please view KEBS website: www.kebs.org

Inspection of Imports to / via Mombasa

Please note that from December 1st 2012, Kenya Ports Authorities will change the procedure for import bookings. This inspection charge will be raised on top of any other charges.

Please note that the consignee will be held responsible for paying this fee and any other charges that will be raised because of this inspection (re-marshalling/storage). In the case the consignee does not want to pay, we will hold the shipper responsible via the agent booking.

CMA CGM trained staff members are available to assist customers in all aspects of the documentary requirements of the trade to Kenya. Please contact your local agency office for advice.

Prohibited Imports

- Controlled by the Kenyan Bureau of Standards [KES].
- A counterfeits and banned products list available on KEBS website: [http://www.kebs.org/](http://www.kebs.org/)

For additional details view the BIVAC datasheet that appears at the end of this document.

Restricted Imports

- Weapons and armories, explosives, other classified DG cargo

Car Imports
ISM Mark of Quality

Effective 1st August 2015, KEBS has developed and implemented secure Quality Marks/stickers complete with Track and Trace software. The objective of the project is to deal with rampant faking of KEBS Quality Marks and provide a platform through which KEBS will be able to carry out on-field real-time validation and verification of goods bearing its Quality Marks. The system will also provide an online platform for consumers to directly authenticate the validity of certification of goods before purchase.

The first phase of the project targets ALL imported products intended for sale in the local market. All importers of the aforementioned goods will be required to purchase Import Standardization Mark (ISM) stickers directly from KEBS. Importers will be required to apply for ISM by submitting Copies of Certificate of Conformity, Import Declaration Form and Customs Entry to KEBS.

For more information please view:
Weight Limitations - Road

The Kenyan authorities have announced a new rule on the maximum allowable weight of a container on its national roads. No more than 34 tons will be allowed effective 16/09/13.

The official letter from the Kenyan Ports Authority Ref MMN/1/1/02 dated 10/07/13 appears as an Appendix.
Ref: MMN/1/1/02

10th July 2013

Mr. Juma Tella
Executive Officer
Kenya Ships Agents Association
Mombasa

Mr. Gilbert Langat
Chief Executive Officer
Shippers Council of East Africa
P O Box 1291-00606
Nairobi

Dear Mr. Tella,

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE CONTAINER WEIGHTS**

Overweight containers cause serious damage to the road infrastructure and equipment.

Towards forestalling future occurrences, it has been decided that no single container, Standard ISO 20', 40' or 45' weighing more than Thirty Four (34) tons will be allowed on the Kenyan roads. This will take effect from 16th September 2013.

Shippers and Shipping Lines/Agents are advised to ensure that the foregoing weight restriction is strictly observed and complied with.

Yours Sincerely,

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Kenya National Highway Authority
P O Box 49712-00100
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Concerns: export to KENYA

Please be informed that KEBS, the Kenya Bureau of Standards, has confirmed that pre-shipment inspection and issuance of Certificate of Conformity has been expanded to cover almost all finished products imported into Kenya.

The only exception is made for:
- Customized machinery for own use (not for resale)
- Spare parts for machinery in own use (not for resale)
- Raw materials (presently still under reconciliation)

This comes into effect as of 1st of December 2015. Goods shipped before 21st of November are likely not to be affected.

For several years now, SGS has been authorized by KEBS to offer Certification of Conformity services. To learn more about the Kenya program or for any further information please feel free to contact SGS Belgium.
Alternatively you could also consult the KEBS website: http://www.kebs.org

Kind regards

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Bureau Veritas, your best partner towards compliance for your exports to Kenya from following zones:

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- Region 2 - China
- Region 3 - India Sub-continent
- Region 4 - Far East
- Region 8 - Ex Soviet Union Republics
- Region 11 - Central Europe
- Region 14 - UAE
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**Government Services & International Trade (GSIT)**

**VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY IN KENYA**

**Guidelines to Importers and Exporters**

Bureau Veritas has been notified by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) for pre-export verification of several groups of products exported to Kenya such as Food & related products, Chemical & related products, Textile & consumer products, Building and related products, and Mechanical and electrical products.

Under PVoC Programme, Bureau Veritas carries out verification of conformity to standards, physical inspections / sampling in the country of supply prior to shipment, laboratory testing when needed, and issuance of certificate.

Exporters to Kenya should present documents showing the conformity of their products in accordance with the specified standards.

The Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by Bureau Veritas shall be provided for customs clearance.

By performing missions such as pre-shipment inspection of goods for clients, Bureau Veritas provides customer countries with the level of assurance they need.

Bureau Veritas is one of the most widely represented Conformity Assessment companies in the world. This worldwide coverage is provided by 1,330 offices and laboratories, located in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 59,000.

Through its International Trade activities – GSIT Division, Bureau Veritas makes a significant contribution to trade facilitation for the benefit of many countries.
KENYA
1. Inspection Order:
An Inspection Order (IO) containing details of the intended importation is submitted by the importer at the Bureau Veritas Liaison Office (LO) for each transaction subject to the PVoC program.
The IO data is sent electronically to the appropriate Bureau Veritas Regional Centre (RC).
Note: Exporter has also the option to open IO directly at the Bureau Veritas office in the country of export.

2. Contact with the exporter:
The BV office in the region of supply sends a notice to the exporter requesting when/where the goods will be ready for inspection and the following information:

2. 1. Technical details of the products,
2. 2. Available conformity documentary evidence, such as:
   - Third party Certificate of Conformity to relevant safety standard (Kenyan or international standards)
   - Third party Test reports,

3. Documentary Check:
The Regional Centre evaluates all the information provided by the exporter to verify whether the product complies with the required standard. If insufficient proof of conformity, samples will be taken for control testing in an advisable laboratory.

4. Physical Verification:
The objective of the physical verification is to ensure that:
   - The goods being shipped are those identified in the documentary checks;
   - The goods are in compliance with the relevant standards (including Kenyan specific requirements);
   - The goods are in compliance with the importer’s inspection order.
If any doubt, inspector will take samples for control testing in an accepted laboratory. Critical non-conformities will result in a rejection of shipment and Discrepancy Report issuance. Upon satisfactory inspection a specific certificate will be delivered for Customs clearance.

5. Certification of Conformity:
With satisfactory inspection report, conformity documents and/or laboratory control test reports, the Regional Centre evaluates the compliance of the shipped products with the required Standards. If compliance is established, an electronic Certificate of Conformity is issued.

6. Certificate Delivery:
The electronic Certificate will be transmitted to the importer and/or exporter. A paper copy of the Certificate of Conformity is required for Customs clearance. Officers at Customs can access to Bureau Veritas database to check the authenticity and the content of the certificate issued.

7. Facilitation Procedures:
Frequent traders, who have set a quality system to assure conformity of the products, could benefit from facilitation schemes which reduce the level of intervention on every shipment (Registration, Licensing and compliant trader scheme).

3 ROUTES TO COMPLIANCE

ROUTE A
- Inspection + Conformity documents
- Satisfactory?
- YES Certificate
- NO Non-conformity Report (NCR)

ROUTE B
- Registered goods
- Review of registration
- Monitoring? (Random inspection...[min 15%])
- Non-conformity (NCR)

ROUTE C
- Licensed goods
- Review of licensing
- Monitoring? (Random inspection...[min 1 per year])

Applicable to any goods and any trader
- Recommended for frequent exporter with homogeneous products
- Self-declaration of compliance supported by substantiated evidence such as test reports and certificates
- Registration annually renewable, subject to continual compliance
- Only for manufacturers; certain distributors may qualify as well!
- Consistent shipment compliance
- Evaluation of test reports and additional testing to demonstrate compliance with the standards
- Audit of the manufacturing facility & subsequent surveillance visits
- Licensing annually renewable, subject to continual compliance

Route B
- Available conformity documentary evidence, such as:
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PVOC PROGRAMME

Starting January 18th, 2012 Bureau Veritas has been appointed by Kenya Bureau of Standards to undertake the Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC) to Standard Services. This programme applies to specific goods exported from specific Regions (see overleaf).

OBJECTIVES

- Consumer and environment Protection
- Conformity assurance
- Faster goods release at Kenyan Customs office with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (COC)

PROCESS

Request for Certificate

The Importer/Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate with Bureau Veritas (see contacts overleaf). This request should include:

- The list and designation of goods intended to be exported, name and address of the importer and exporter (invoice,…)
- Conformity documents (usually provided by the exporter) that may be available for the goods intended to be exported, such as: Third party certificate / Test reports / Reports of analysis according to safety/hygiene standards
- Information related to the location and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out the physical inspection of goods before shipment. (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form).

Routes to compliance

To facilitate trade and to adjust intervention according to the risk, the PVoC Programme offers 3 different routes to demonstrate compliance (see the process overleaf):

- Route A: Applicable to any good and any trader
- Route B: Option for frequent traders of goods that have been registered by Bureau Veritas
- Route C: Option for frequent traders of goods that have been licensed by Bureau Veritas

Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews the information provided by the exporter and checks the adequacy against the Kenyan standards. If necessary, samples are taken and laboratory testing/analysis is carried out.

Inspection

The objective of the inspection is to check that:

- Goods presented for inspection are those identified during the documentary review
- Products comply with applicable standard
- Goods match the description in the import documents

In case of doubt, Bureau Veritas inspector may take samples for additional assessment.

PVoC certificate

Bureau Veritas verifies the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory result, the secured Certificate of Conformity is issued. This certificate shall be used for the clearance of the goods. When non conformities are detected, a Non Conformity Report is issued.
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For more details, please refer to the Products List available on KEBS website: [http://www.kebs.org/](http://www.kebs.org/)

Note: BV also offers a verification of conformity for the products which are not subject to the PVoC program.

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<td>• Personal effects in CKDs for local assembly in manufacturing establishments, where the final product is subject to KEBS local factory certification process (CKDs like furniture, bicycles etc. do not fall in this category and must be pre-inspected);</td>
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| Minimum value subject to the programme: | N/A |
3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements: Compliance of goods to applicable standards in priority order* shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.
*Applicable standards in priority order: Kenyan standard (KS), then EAS standards, then International standard (ISO, IEC, Codex Alimentarius UN ECE), then National standard, then Manufacturer specification in the absence of KS, EAS, International and national standards applicable to the product.
If EAS more recent than KS and is at least for 6 months old, then EAS supersedes KS.

National deviations: If electrical product intended to be connected to the mains (220V or 230V or 240V), marking of the frequency shall include 50Hz (not applicable to lamps) and if provided, the plug shall be UK type plug (squared pins). Food and feed products containing GMO shall be properly labelled. If GMO content is above 1%, an approval from National Biosafety Authority is required before entering Kenya. (*)

Labelling requirements: All labelling of packaging of imports shall include English and / or Swahili. Packaged goods (e.g. foodstuffs, chemicals, cosmetics, and similar) shall indicate the batch numbers and dates of expiration and/or date of production. All imports with a limited shelf life shall have more than seventy five per cent (75%) shelf life from the date of expected arrival in Kenya.

Other specific requirements: Bureau Veritas is appointed for specific geographic zone (see section 11)

4. Application

Applicant: Exporter or importer
Application name: Request for certificate (RFC)
Required documents:
- Final invoice
- Transport document (Bill of Lading/ Air Way Bill/ CMR…), if available
- Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) provided by exporters, as per technical requirements

Application office(s): Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates: http://verigates.bureauveritas.com/kenya)

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases: Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria: ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, In-house laboratory of certified Manufacturer (after specific assessment)
Testing: Essential requirements according to the KS and/or international standards

6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection: Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products
Destination inspection: Not allowed
Witness of loading: When required
Seal of container: When required (modalities to be confirmed) (*)
Sampling: In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued: Inspection report (IR)
7. Facilitation procedures

- Route A - Unregistered Suppliers or Manufacturers of sensitive goods
- Route B - Product Registration
- Route C - Manufacturing Licensing

The following products are however not eligible for registration under Routes B and C (i.e. are subject to certification under Route A only):
- Sugar
- Cereals and pulses such as Rice, wheat, beans, Maize etc
- Fertilizer
- Animal and Fishery products (fresh and frozen- not further processed)
- Dairy Products
- Fresh horticultural products
- Used or second hand goods

8. Conclusion of the Assessment

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Non Conformity Report (NCR)

9. Fees

Paid by Exporter

Fees structure:
- Route A – 0.50 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route B – 0.45 % of FOB value of the goods imported
- Route C – 0.25 % of FOB value of the goods imported

For all Routes, the minimum fee per shipment is USD 250 and the maximum fee USD 2,675.

The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspections of the goods but do not include:
- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Registration fees
- Manufacturing Licensing
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection
- Sampling of bulk shipments
- Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Other fees not mentioned above

10. Contact

See contact sheet for details

11. Other relevant information

Bureau Veritas is appointed for following countries of shipment:

Region 1: United Kingdom
- Wales, Scotland, Ireland, England

Region 2: China region
- China Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia
Region 3: India Sub-Continent
   India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Myanmar

Region 4: Far East
   Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia

Region 5: Australia, New Zealand Republic and Polynesia Islands
   Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea

Region 6: Central America and Caribbean
   Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Jamaica, Guyana, Dominican Republic

Region 7: America
   USA, Canada

Region 8: Ex Soviet Union Republics
   Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Russia, Turkistan

Region 9: Eastern Europe
   Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Poland

Region 10: Mediterranean Europe
   Turkey, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Malta

Region 11: Central Europe
   Italy, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, The Netherlands

Region 12: Nordic Countries
   Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Denmark

Region 13: Middle East
   Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Yemen, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait

Region 14: UAE
   United Arab Emirates

Region 15: Magreb countries
   Algeria, Morocco, Western Sahara

Region 17: Western Africa
   Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Niger, Cameroon, Gambia, Liberia, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone

Region 18: Southern and Central Africa
   DR Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Angola, Gabon, Central African Republic

(*) Updated information

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating Verification of Conformity and does not relieve Exporters or Importers from their obligations in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. Although every effort has been made to ensure the correctness of the information, as at the date of issuance of this data sheet, Bureau Veritas does not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions and, furthermore, the information may subsequently be subject to change as may be announced by the Authorities in the country of importation. Consequently, Exporters are advised to check with Bureau Veritas, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Certificate of Conformity.
Annex 1: List of prohibited goods

Counterfeits and banned products list available on KEBS website: http://www.kebs.org/ (see below):

**BAN OF EGGS AND EGG DERIVATIVE/RELATED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA AND PROXIMITY TERRITORIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 16-06-2010**

Following the reports of detection of contamination of eggs with melamine in China, Kenya Bureau of Standards has imposed a ban on the importation of eggs and other eggs related products from China and proximity territories with immediate effect. The related eggs products will include noodles, mayonnaise, animal feeds and animal feed inputs.

This is in addition to the earlier announcement on the ban on milk and milk related products and strict surveillance on all food and foodstuffs from China and related countries.

This exercise will be in force until the affected products are proved to be free from the contaminants.

**BAN OF MILK AND MILK RELATED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA AND PROXIMITY TERRITORIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 22-09-2010**

Following a global alarm of milk and milk related products and foods from the People’s Republic of China and proximity territories, Kenya Bureau of Standards announces the following measures aimed at protecting the health and safety of Kenyans to take effect immediately:

All milk and milk related products from China and proximity territories have been banned from entering Kenya until further notice and review.

- All foodstuffs from China and proximity territories shall undergo 100% inspection in Kenya and the countries of origin before shipping.
- Foodstuffs and related products already in the Kenyan market outlets from China and proximity territories shall undergo surveillance to establish health and safety for our nationals and visitors.

**BAN ON THE IMPORTATION AND SALE OF SUB-STANDARD DRY CELL BATTERIES - Posted on KEBS website on: 17-06-2009**

A Kenya Bureau of Standards market surveillance team has established that substandard dry cell batteries are still on sale despite earlier Public Notices.

Importers, Retailers and the General Public are notified that the following dry cell battery brands, which have paper casing, are banned from importation or sale in the Republic of Kenya:

1. TIGER HEAD
2. EVERPOWER
3. EVERYDAY
4. DURA POWER
5. DUKE CELL
6. DURABATT

7. GOLDEN BELL
8. K POWER
9. SWAN
10. LONG LIFE
11. LONGOTTE
12. SONIC

13. LION BRAND
14. ECO ENERGY
15. EVER TOP
16. CHIMPANZEE
17. 777
18. CHARMS

19. DURAKING
20. DOLE
21. MEGAPOWER
22. YARICO
23. PAIR DEAR
24. DOUBLE CAT

25. SOGO
26. GOLDEN POWER
27. GEEN ENERGY
28. SUNWATT
29. ROYAL
30. VOLTA SUPER

31. DOUBLE LION
32. MW SUPER QUALITY
33. BELL CELL
34. ST
35. DOMEX
36. MOON RABBIT
37. HIWATT
38. BRAVE POWER

It is an offence under the Standards Act, Cap 496 of the laws of Kenya to import, offer for sale or sell the above batteries which have been found not to comply with the approved Kenya Standards. Consumers are advised to look for the Diamond Mark of Quality before making their purchases to ensure the safety of electronic equipment and a worthwhile quality purchase. If you come across these batteries in any retail outlet please report to the nearest Kenya Bureau of Standards office or seek the assistance of any law enforcement agency. **Diamond Mark of Quality Symbol of Product Quality Excellence.**

**BANNED COSMETICS - Posted on KEBS website on: 21-04-2009**

The prohibition/ban is aimed at protecting unsuspecting consumers and discourages dumping of these products in the Kenyan Market. Hydroquinone, oxidizing agents and hormonal preparations are used for treating various medical conditions. They are therefore classified as drugs and should be applied only upon the advice and direction of a medical doctor.
All skin care preparations like creams, lotions, gels, soaps, etc containing hydroquinone, steroids and hormonal preparations should be registered by the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of the Ministry of Health for medical use. Their use in cosmetics was prohibited through gazette notices 4310 of 14th August 1998 and 7169 of November 2000.

The Government wishes to state that the following products are registered with Pharmacy and Poisons Board to be used as human medicines for various skin conditions:

BETNOVATE, MEDIVEN, DIPROSONE, NERISONE, DERMOVATE, HYDROCORTISONE, 0XY 5 AND 0XY 10.

These products should only be used on the recommendation of a medical doctor and for such period of time as the doctor may prescribe. They should not be sold in the open market but only in registered pharmacies and chemists. Cosmetic products listed below contain hydroquinone, steroids, mercury and hydrogen peroxide. They have not been registered with Pharmacy and Poisons Board as medicines. They therefore, should NOT

**SKIN LIGHTENING LOTIONS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE**

- JARIBU SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- AMIRA SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- A3 CLEARTOUCH COMPLEXION LOTION
- A3 LEMON SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- KISS LOTION
- RICO SKIN LIGHTENING LOTION
- PRINCESS LOTION
- PEAU CLAIRE BEAUTY BODY LOTION
- CLEAR TOUCH LOTION
- FAIR & WHITE BODY CLEARING MILK
- SIVOCLAIR LIGHTENING BODY LOTION
- EXTRA CLAIR LIGHTENING BODY LOTION
- PRECIEUX TREATMENT BEAUTY LOTION
- CLEAR ESSENCE SKIN BEAUTYFYING MILK

**SKIN LIGHTENING GELS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE**

- ULTRA CLEAR
- TOPICLEAR
- BODY CLEAR

**SOAPS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS**

- MOVATE
- MEKAKO
- JARIBU
- TURA
- ACURA
- RICO
- FAIR LADY
- ELEGANCE
- MIKI
- JAMBO

**SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS**

- PIMPLEX MEDICATED CREAM
- NEW SHIRLEY MEDICATED CREAM
- CREAM PREPARATIONS CONTAINING HYDROGEN PEROXIDE(H2O2)
- JOLEN CREAM, SKIN PREPARATIONS CONTINTING STEROIDS
- MOVATE CREAM, SKIN SUCCESS GEL
- HOT MOVATE GEL
- AMIRA -C
- NEU CLEAR GEL
- TENOVATE
- BODY CLEAR CREAM SPOT REMOVER
- FIRST CLASS LADY CREAM
- SIVOCLAIR CREAM
- ACTION DEMOVATE CREAM
- REGGE LEMON GEL
- ULTIMATE LADY GEL
- TOPIFRAM GEL PLUS
- AGE RENEWAL CREAM
- FAIR & WHITE GEL PLUS
- PEAU CLAIR GEL PLUS
- FASHION FAIR CREAM

**SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS**

- TOP GEL PLUS
- SOFT AND BEAUTIFUL CREAM
- LEMONVATE CREAM, SECRET GEL
- TCB GEL PLUS
- UNIC CLEAR SUPER CREAM
- TOPIFRAM CREAM
- FIRST CLASS LADY CREAM
- SKIN SUCCESS CREAM
- NEU CLEAR CREAM PLUS
- JARIBU BETA - β CREAM
- BODY TREAT CREAM SPOT REMOVER
- CLAIR & LOVELY GEL, PEAU CLAIR CREAM
- SKIN BALANCE LEMON CREAM
- PEAU CLAIRE GEL PLUS
- DARK & LOVELY GEL
- DERMÔ-GEL PLUS
- PEAU CLAIRE CREAM
- FASHION FAIR GEL PLUS
- HOT PROSONE GEL
- SKIN BALANCE CREAM WRINKLE REMOVER

SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE

- SKIN BALANCE LEMON CREAM
- PEAU CLAIRE GEL PLUS
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- SOFT & BEAUTIFUL GEL
- ACTION DEMOVALE GEL PLUS
- PROSONE GEL
- SKIN BALANCE GEL WRINKLE REMOVER
- ULTRA-GEL PLUS
- PRO-ONE GEL MCA
- BETALEMON CREAM
- DARK & LOVELY CREAM

- SKIN LIGHTENING CREAMS CONTAINING HYDROQUINONE

- JARIBU CREAM
- MEKAKO CREAM
- AMIRA CREAM
- TURA SKIN TONING CREAM
- YESAKO MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- RICO COMPLEXION CREAM
- MADONNA MEDICATED CREAM
- MREMBO MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- SHIRLEY CREAM
- KISS -MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- UNO21 CREAM
- PRINCESS PATRA LUXURY COMPLEXION CREAM
- ZARINA MEDICATED SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- ENVI SKIN TONER, VIVA SUPER LEMON
- AMBI SPECIAL COMPLEXION CREAM
- LOLANE CREAM, NADINOLA CREAM
- GLOTONE COMPLEXION CREAM
- NINDOLA CREAM, CLAIRE CRÈME
- MIC SKIN LIGHTENER CREAM
- TONIGHT NIGHT BEAUTY CREAM
- FULANI CREME ECLAIRCISSANTE
- CLERE LEMON CREAM
- CLERE EXTRA CREAM
- BINTI JAMBO CREAM
- BUTONE CREAM
- MALAIKA MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- DEAR HEART WITH HYDROQUINONE CREAM
- MIKI BEAUTY CREAM
- CRUSADER SKIN TONING CREAM
- NISH MEDICATED CREAM

- ISLAND BEAUTY SKIN FADE CREAM
- MALIBU MEDICATED CREAM
- PALMER'S SKIN SUCCESS FADE CREAM
- CARE PLUS FAIRNESS CREAM
- OPICLEAR CREAM, CAREKAKO MEDICATED CREAM
- BODY CLEAR CREAM
- A3 SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM, AMBI AMERICAN FORMULA
- DREAM SUCCESSFUL
- SYMBA CREME SKIN LITE 'N' SMOOTH
- iKb MEDICATED CREAM
- CLEARTONE SKIN TONING CREAM
- CLEAR ESSENCE MEDICATED FADE CREAM
- AMBI EXTRA COMPLEXION CREAM FOR MEN
- CLEARTONE EXTRA SKIN TONING CREAM
- O'NYIA SKIN CRÈME
- A3 TRIPPLE ACTION CREAM PEARL LIGHT
- ELEGANCE SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- MR. CLERE CREAM
- FAIRLADY SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- FADE OUT CREAM
- TOP LEMON PLUS CREAM
- CLEAR TOUCH CREAM
- CRUSADER ULTRA BRAND CREAM
- ULTIME SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- RICO SKIN TONE CRÈME
- BARAKA SKIN LIGHTENING CREAM
- PEAU CLAIRE CRÈME ECLAIRCISSANTE
- PRINCESS MEDICATED BEAUTY CREAM
- IMMEDIAT CLAIRE LIGHTENING BODY CREAM
## PROHIBITED PRODUCTS (UNDER CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT- CAP 472)

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