



Qatar Certificate of Conformity (CoC) Program for Food Products

Activate your business with our smooth and reliable CoC services

To ensure the safety and quality of food products entering the Qatar market, the Ministry of Public Health - Food Safety Department (MoPH-FSD) in the State of Qatar implemented the Certificate of Conformity (CoC) program.

As a leading provider of inspection, testing, and certification services and a gateway for global trade, TÜV Rheinland has been appointed as a Third-Party Inspection and Certification body authorized to carry out the Pre-Shipment Inspection and Verification Process for

food product consignments exported to the Qatar. With this appointment, TÜV Rheinland can issue Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for food products exported to Qatar from various countries of supply.

With over 150 years of expertise in global supply chain management, we are designed to help food producers and exporters around the world comply with the requirements of Qatar Technical Regulations and Standards.

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About Qatar

Information taken from <https://data.un.org/>



Capital
Doha



Population
2.93 million
(as of 2021, est.)



GDP
183,466 million
USD (as of 2019, est.)



Import Value
25,835 million USD
(as of 2020, est.)



Experts at TÜV Rheinland verify whether your food products are compliant with Qatar Technical Regulations and Standards and eligible for CoC.

Food product consignments with the CoC will benefit exporters to Qatar in the following ways: a speedy and smooth customs release (Fast-Track Clearance), a substantially reduced destination inspection, and a reduced intervention by Customs at the Qatar borders and ports. This ensures that only safe and high-quality food products are imported into Qatar, protecting the health and well-being of its citizens.

OUR CONFORMITY VERIFICATION PROCEDURE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- Checking conformity of food establishments that produce food intended for export in the country of origin by inspection.
- Checking compliance of the food itself with the requirements of Qatar Technical Regulations and Standards.
- Verifying loading of the consignment to ensure compliance with relevant requirements.
- Issuance of CoC for consignments that comply with the requirements in accordance with the requirements of the relevant guide.

REGULATED PRODUCT CATEGORIES UNDER THE QATAR COC PROGRAM:

All types of food except exempted products are regulated under this program. The regulated products have been divided into eight major categories as below:



Assorted food products



Aquatic organisms suitable for human consumption



Dairy products



Honey



Meat and meat products



Processed food products



Raw plant



Table eggs

EXEMPTED PRODUCTS



Cosmetics



Live animals before slaughter

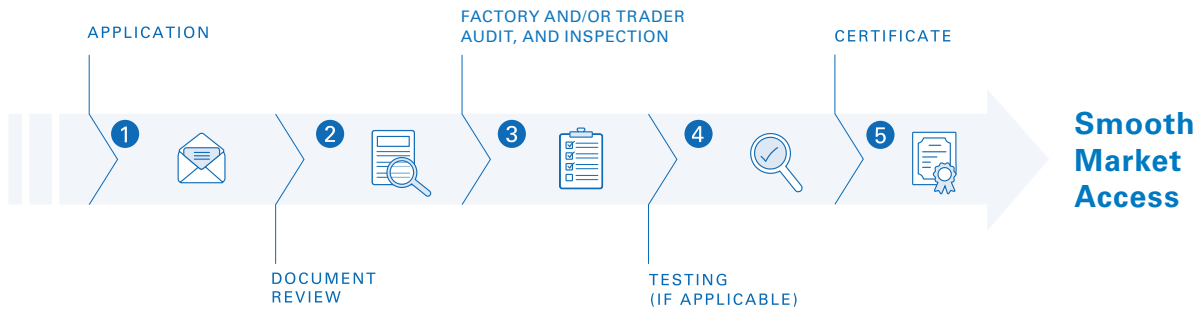


Medical products and drugs



Tobacco

Note: Exporters are advised to contact local TÜV Rheinland offices for more information on exempted products under the Qatar Pre-Shipment Verification of Food Products program

PROCESS OF CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (COC)**IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE PROCESS, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT FOR ALL FOOD PRODUCT CATEGORIES:**

- TÜV Rheinland application form signed and duly filled
- Final Invoice and Packing List
- Approved registration certificate or QFR number (from the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar)
- Certificate of Origin (COO)
- Registration/Trade license
- ISO 22000, HACCP, GMP, GVP, GAP Certificates or equivalent nationally and internationally recognized standards and certifications – as applicable
- Health documents
- Test Report from ISO 17025 accredited laboratory
- HALAL Slaughtering Certificate and/or HALAL Certificate



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