



INFORMATION ON "GOST-R" CERTIFICATION

GOST-R Certificate of Conformity (COC) procedure for exports to the Russian Federation

Purpose of Certificate of Conformity (COC)

The COC was introduced in the Russian Federation in 1997 for consumer protection purposes. It certifies that the respective goods to be imported into the Russian Federation comply with the applicable Russian safety standards ("GOS STANDARD of Russia").

All products imported into the Russian Federation require GOST-R and/or hygiene certification. The GOST-R certificate is subject to the GOS STANDARD of Russia, and the hygiene certificate is issued by the Russian Ministry of Health (see information sheet HG)

Both certificates must be presented to the Russian customs authorities. Without them, the respective goods will either be retained at the frontier or rejected .

COC accreditation

The certification authorities are accredited exclusively to GOS STANDARD. Since accreditation is usually for specific product groups, cooperation with other certification authorities is also necessary. That is why comprehensive single-source services are so worthwhile in this connection.

COC issuing

In order to make a proposal, we require clients to fill out the official application form. This is available from us, or it can be downloaded at **www.gost-r.ch**.

Please note that depending on your product type, certification may take several weeks, or even months under some circumstances.

After receiving and checking your completed application form, we shall inform you in detail about the certification procedure and the costs involved.

We are entirely at your disposal for any questions you may have about filling out the application form.

The following documents are required for GOST-R certification:

- Export trading invoice for presentation to the Russian customs authorities; preliminarily a pro-forma invoice is sufficient.
- Import/export HS-code numbers for all the respective goods
- EU/CE conformity declaration
- Purchase contract with the Russian customer.
- ISO-9000 certificate(s) if available
- Summary descriptions of the respective products (brochures, website links, etc.)
- Additional documents, depending on the product

Serial certificates of conformity for individual deliveries

For companies regularly exporting the same kinds of product to Russia, serial COCs valid for 1 or 3 years can be issued. In addition to the normal certification requirements, this usually requires a GOST conformity audit (GCA) as well. Any number of notarized copies of the original certificate can be made for inclusion with each delivery.

COC's for individual deliveries are only valid for one export! The procedure is however simpler and less expensive.

Mark of Conformity (MOC)

Since July 1, 1997 the GOST STANDARD of Russia prescribes that all products and equipment subject to certification must be identified with a Russian mark of conformity (MOC).

The MOC should be affixed to the packaging or on the accompanying documents. In the case of food products, the MOC must be affixed to each individual package; (e.g. on each bar of chocolate, on each packet of chewing gum, etc.).

We can provide our clients with the required number of MOC hologram stickers for each individual delivery COC.

Additional certificates and documents

Certain types of hazardous products require additional documents that have to be filled out by the Russian authorities.

For example:

- Technical approval by the GOSGORTECHNADZOR (e.g. for explosion risk protection)
- EMC (electromagnetic compatibility) licence issued by the Russian authorities
- Metrological certificate issued by the Russian Metrological Institute
- Fire safety certificate issued by the Russian Ministry of the Interior
- Laboratory analyses by an accredited institute
- Official registration of medical equipment by the Russian Ministry of Health
- Hygiene certificate issued by SAN-EPIDEMNADIOR (cf. INFORMATION SHEET "HC")

Any such documents required can usually be procured by us in Russia on behalf of our clients.

Summary

The aforementioned procedures and examples are typical of the complex certification process to GOST STANDARD requirements.

We are entirely at your disposal for further information:

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