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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (PAC)

The Conformity Assessment Program (PAC) is a program that consists of the assessment of conformity based on the requirements set out in technical standards, regulations or technical specifications and is applied to mandatory control products, in the respective exporting countries, in order to guarantee the its



compliance with internationally accepted technical requirements. Control and inspection of imported products are two essential measures to protect consumer health, protect the environment and ensure fair competition in the local market.

The PAC essentially aims to:

- Ensure that products imported into Mozambique comply with minimum quality requirements;
- Protect the country from unfair commercial practices and *dumping* of low-quality products;
- Safeguard public health and safety;
- Prevent misleading commercial practices and safeguard the protection of consumer rights;
- Guarantee the quality of products, health, safety and protection of the environment and consumers;
- Facilitate trade by ensuring that compliant goods are quickly cleared through customs at the port of entry;
- Safeguard the country from inferior quality products, ensuring that imported products meet the same requirements to which locally manufactured products are subject;
- Ensure that only quality products enter the country, in accordance with applicable legislation.

In 2022, the Government of Mozambique approved Decree No. 8/2022, of March 14, which establishes the Conformity Assessment Program for products imported into Mozambique, in order to guarantee compliance with the technical standards and regulations in force in the country . The fees to be applied in the implementation of the PAC were approved by Ministerial Diploma no. 98/2023, of 14 July.

The PAC is implemented by INNOQ, IP through an authorized entity, INTERTEK, to act on its behalf in exporting countries, which must be contacted to proceed with the evaluation of products in the country of origin, before their import into Mozambique. INNOQ, IP urges importers to ensure that their suppliers are familiar with the certification requirements and procedures applicable in Mozambique, within the scope of the PAC, through the authorized entity's *website* :

<https://www.intertek.com/government/product-conformity/mozambique/>

The mandatory conformity assessment begins on November 1, 2023, with the products included in the attached list, also available on the INNOQ, IP *website* . The Mozambican Standards applicable to mandatory control products must be purchased from INNOQ, IP. The importer of a mandatory control product, which arrives at a point of entry without a certificate of conformity, will incur fines provided for in article 24 of Decree no. 8/2022, of 14 March, under supervision by the National Inspection of Economic Activities (INAE).

This measure does not cover goods whose Single Mozambican Consignment Reference (UCR) or *Bill of Lading* (BL) or *Air Waybill* (AWB) or *Road Manifest* or *Letter of Credit* were issued before November 1, 2023.

Additional clarifications about the PAC can be obtained from INNOQ, IP through the following contacts:

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EVENTS

Quality Week: 6th to 10th November 2023

Quality Week is an annual campaign promoted by the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI).



TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

The National Institute of Standardization and Quality-IP (INNOQ, IP) is the Notification and Inquiry Point for Technical Barriers to Trade in Mozambique.

The focal point of notification and inquiry is the information center capable of responding to all reasonable queries from other members and interested parties of other members, as well as providing relevant documents and technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

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