

PROCEDURE FOR THE CLEARANCE OF ELECTRICAL CABLES WITH THE GHANA STANDARDS AUTHORITY

1. Importers shall purchase the applicable Ghana Standard(s) and ensure that goods imported by them either meet or surpass the requirements of the Standard.
2. Ask for a prototype or samples and test to ascertain that they meet the requirements of the standard
3. All importers shall register with the Ghana Standards Authority on the Integrated Customs Management System (ICUMS) electronically and pay the applicable annual importer registration fee either through the www.ghana.gov platform or any of the commercial banks.
4. All imported goods should be accompanied with a Certificate of Analysis (CoA) or Certificate of Conformance/Conformity (CoC), with reference to the applicable Standard Specifications and issued by a competent laboratory preferably in the exporting country.

Failure to provide a CoA/CoC would result in the following:

- A penalty for the absence of a CoC
 - The consignment cannot be cleared until samples of the goods have been tested to the applicable standard and found to have satisfied the requirements.
 - The importer will bear the processing and testing fee for the said goods.
5. However for all high-risk goods (HRG's), only CoC's from these partners are accepted, namely Bureau Veritas/Intertek, otherwise goods are inspected, sampled and tested. The HRG's are Electrical Cables, Compact Fluorescent Lamps, LPG Cylinders, Lubricants, Fertilizers, Steel Coils, Sheets & Reinforcing Bar (iron rods) and Plastic Granules.
 6. If the risk assessment rating is red, it is sent to the examination bay for inspection. The goods shall be subjected to the following:
 - visual inspection
 - Assessment of relevant quality attributes and labelling
 - The inspector takes random samples for testing

Mindful of the essence of time, a preliminary test targeting the critical parameters are carried out at the port. The rest of the sample is forwarded to the electrical testing laboratory for a comprehensive analysis.

NB: Irrespective of the Risk Assessment rating of the goods and importer, the inspector may take random samples for verification and for the purposes of building a relevant national database.

7. The electrical cable will be released if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - Test result is satisfactory / the CoC from our partners is authenticated
 - The product label/markings conforms to relevant requirements of the standard and fulfills LI 1541:1992 [General Labelling Rules]
 - The marking requirements for electrical cables are

- Trade mark
- Size
- Manufacturer
- Country of origin
- Rated voltage
- Standards
- Length & Type
- Colour