

# OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION: NEW SABS PVOC REQUIREMENTS

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To: All Valued Suppliers & Manufacturers (People's Republic of China)

From: Logistics & Export Operations Division

## RE: MANDATORY PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (PVoC) FOR SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Valued Partner,

Please be advised of a significant regulatory change implemented by the **South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)** and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC). Effective immediately, South Africa has introduced the **Pre-Export Verification of Conformity (PVoC)** program for goods originating from China.

While we are currently in a voluntary transitional phase, this program becomes **strictly mandatory on 20 September 2026**. Any shipments arriving in South Africa after this date without the required certification will be denied entry by the Border Management Authority (BMA) and South African Revenue Service (SARS).

### Required Action Items:

- **Certificate of Conformity (CoC):** Every consignment must be accompanied by a CoC issued by an accredited inspection body.
- **Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI):** A physical inspection of the goods and review of quality documentation must occur at your facility in China prior to loading.
- **Standards Compliance:** Goods must meet South African National Standards (SANS) or equivalent international standards.

We request that you immediately coordinate with the authorized inspection bodies to ensure all future shipments, particularly those scheduled for departure in Q3 2026, are compliant.

Authorized Body	Role	Contact/Website
CCIC (China)	Lead Inspector (China)	www.ccic.com / liyazi@ccic.com

Authorized Body	Role	Contact/Website
SABS PVoC Office	Program Administrator	www.sabs.co.za / pvoc@sabs.co.za
Intertek / SGS	Accredited Inspection	Global Portals

Failure to provide the CoC will result in severe vessel delays, port storage costs, and potential repatriation of cargo at the supplier's expense. We appreciate your urgent cooperation in maintaining our supply chain continuity.

Sincerely,

**Logistics Operations Manager**

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This document serves as formal notice of compliance requirements for South African Customs and Bureau of Standards regulations.