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Exporting to Zimbabwe – requirements from May 16

News carried in the Mike Poverello blog.

According to XA International Trade Advisors, as of May 16, all exports to Zimbabwe under specified harmonised system (HS) codes need to have a Bureau Veritas-issued consignment-based conformity assessment certificate (CBCA) certificate of conformity (COC) for customs clearance before the goods are allowed through the border.

An exporter is required to request verification and organise an inspection of the goods by Bureau Veritas before shipment to Zimbabwe. The inspection is done in the country of export.

Effective May 16 (the date on the transport documentation) there is a “window” of four months in which non-conforming goods will not be issued a certificate of conformity - but the goods will not be blocked at the border either.

Note will be made on the certificate indicating what corrective measures are necessary, e.g. incorrect labelling of goods.

After the four-month period non-conforming goods will be refused entry.

According to the information provided at the Johannesburg information session, the draft bill for the Zimbabwe Standards Authority Regulatory Act is being finalised and will hopefully “sail through Parliament” soon.

Bureau Veritas is a private company and has been contracted for four years to start this CBCA process and will eventually hand the reins over to the Zimbabwe Standards Regulatory Authority.

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