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## Product Conformity Assessment (PCA) Programme

### What is a Conformity Assessment Program?

- Product Conformity Assessment is a solution designed to ensure that **specific products meet the requirements** of the technical regulations and standards set by a regulatory authority in the importing country.
- The program consists of **verifying Product's compliance** with the requirements of applicable standards and technical regulations.
- The evaluation is done following the review of reports from one or a combination of interventions such as **laboratory testing, physical inspection** and factory audits.
- The conformity of the products is evidenced by the issuance of a **Certificate of Conformity** usually requested for customs clearance.

### What SGS has to offer?

- Provide guidance for **defining the scope** for the program
- Design **the conformity assessment process** according to the specific needs
- Establish the criteria for the **approval of laboratories**
- Conduct **Risk management Analysis** to identify sensitive products **to be subject to the program**
- Offer **on the job training** to technical staff from standards organizations
- Support for the development of **standards and technical regulations**
- Assist in implementing **National Quality Infrastructure**

### Program's Objectives

Product Conformity Assessment is needed to:

- Prevent the importation of unsafe, sub-standard and/or counterfeit goods
- Protect consumer's health and safety and the environment
- Safeguard local producers & Industry from unfair competition
- Reduce the risk that the domestic market becomes the dumping ground for non conforming products
- Facilitate customs clearance process
- Overcome the risk of rejection of the products in the country of destination
- Promotes the image of the quality of the products

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