Pre-Shipment Conformity Assessment (PSCA)

What is PSCA?

Pre-shipment conformity assessment programs (also called PVoC in some countries) assess standards compliance of products before they are exported.

Who carries out PSCA?

Independent third-party organizations that are accredited by national governments.

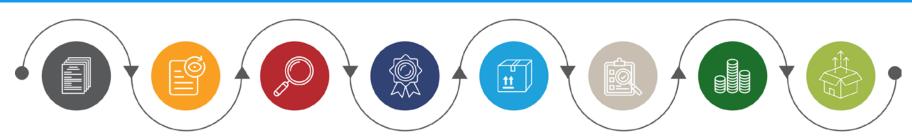
Some commonly accredited companies:

- Intertek
- SGS
- Bureau Veritas
- Cotecna





PSCA Process for Pico-PV Products



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

• Official test report For LG qualityverified pico-PV products: IEC TS 62257-9-5 from ISO 17025

accredited lab

- Certificates
 For LG qualityverified
 products:
 Verification
 Letter (Type
 Approval)
- Conformity marks
- Safety marks (e.g. CE, UL)
- Factory certifications (e.g. ISO 9001)
- Import declaration form

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Authorized CA company reviews documents to establish compliance with national standards

In some cases CA company issues product registration

INSPECTION

CA company conducts physical inspection of consignment

CERTIFICATION

CA company issues Certificate of Conformity

SHIPMENT

Consignment is cleared for export and shipped to destination port

EVALUATION

National customs authority evaluates documentation, inspects goods and assesses duty at destination port

IMPORT DUTY

Importer pays applicable customs duties and taxes

RELEASE

Consignment is released to importer

Benefits of PSCA

Governments

- Keep out sub-standard products through assessment prior to shipment
- Reduce the risk of dumping inferior & damaging goods
- Facilitate international trade through streamlining & transparency
- Reduce demand on government resources by outsourcing
- Shift cost of compliance to exporters

Exporters & Importers

- Avoid costly delays at importation
- Reduce potential losses from importing non-compliant products

Consumers

 Price of can be reduced due to lower transaction costs associated with import/export procedures