

## **RE-ENGINEERED STANDARDS ORGANISATION OF NIGERIA CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME (SONCAP)**

In efforts to enhance its service delivery and the resolve to serve stakeholders better, the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has reviewed its Conformity Assessment Programme named **Standards Organisation of Nigeria Conformity Assessment Programme (SONCAP)** with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022.

Accordingly, four (4) International Accredited Firms (IAFs) have been appointed to carry out inspection, testing, and certification of regulated products on behalf of the SON offshore. These are:

- **Bureau Veritas GSIT S.A.S**
- **China Hansom Inspection and Certificate Co., Ltd**
- **China Standard Inspection Co., Ltd**
- **COTECNA Inspection SA**

The International Accredited Firms shall be responsible for the issuance of Product Certificates/SONCAP Certificates to oversea manufacturers/suppliers/traders and the document shall be requirements for the registration of Form M and processing of Pre-Arrival Assessment Report (PAAR) for clearance of goods with the Nigerian Customs Service.

The list of products exempted from the SONCAP scheme has been updated as follows:

- Food products
- Medicines and Pharmaceuticals
- Medicals other than equipment and machines.
- Chemicals used as raw materials by bonafide manufacturers.
- Military wares and equipment
- Imports classified as contraband by the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- Used products other than automobiles.

Furthermore, bonafide manufacturers who intend to import machinery or related spare parts are advised to apply to SON for a permit to enable them to import. For the avoidance of doubt, only Product Certificates issued by the approved International Accredited Firms shall be accepted for approval of Form M by banks for SONCAP regulated products with effect from the date of the revision of the SONCAP stated above.

The reviewed fees for the certification are as below will become effective **August 01, 2022**

<b>Category of Certification</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Product Certificate (Unregistered)	<b>\$500</b>
Product Certificate (Registered)	<b>\$1000</b>
Product Certificate (Licenced)	<b>\$2000</b>
SONCAP Certificate (SC)	<b>\$350</b>
New Product	<b>\$350</b>
Amendment of Certificate	<b>\$100</b>
Non-Conformity Report	<b>\$350</b>

Signed  
**SON Management**