

## **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> August 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 overseas 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>

**IMPORT PERMIT - NEW RATES**

	<b><u>RAW MATERIALS FOR MEMBERS OF MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (MAN)</u></b>						<b>OTHER PRODUCTS</b>
	<b>MAN WITH MANCAP</b>			<b>MAN WITHOUT MANCAP</b>			
	<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>SIX MONTHS</b>	<b>12 MONTHS</b>	<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>SIX MONTHS</b>	<b>12 MONTHS</b>	
Cottage & Small	50,000.00	300,000.00	500,000.00	100,000.00	600,000.00	1,000,000.00	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of #550,000.00
Medium	75,000.00	450,000.00	750,000.00	150,000.00	900,000.00	1,500,000.00	
Large	150,000.00	900,000.00	1,500,000.00	300,000.00	1,800,000.00	3,000,000.00	

**OTHER IMPORTS**

<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>ONE MONTH</b>	<b>THREE MONTHS</b>	<b>SIX MONTHS</b>	<b>NINE MONTHS</b>	<b>12 MONTHS</b>
Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>550,000.00</b>	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>10 m</b>	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>25m</b>	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>37.5 m</b>	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>45m</b>	Service charge is 1.5% FOB subject to a minimum of <b>50 m</b>