

Product Conformity Assessment (PCA) Implementation Guide:

PROGRAM NAME:

Gulf Conformity Tracking System (GCTS)

PROGRAM MANDATED BY:

GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)



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IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

LVD: 1 July 2016. For the full copy of the regulation refer: [Gulf-Technical-Regulation-for-Low-Voltage-Electrical-Equipment-and-Appliances-BD-142004-01.pdf](#)

PROGRAM SCOPE:

- Register and update economic operators' records.
- Register and update products and generate product GCTS.
- Register and update conformity certificates records and generate certificates GCTS.
- Activate certificates records and fees collection.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

- Design and document verification
- Sample verification.
- Laboratory testing
- Documentary verification

TEST REPORT CRITERIA:

Only test reports from the following entities will be accepted:

- GSO Notified Body Laboratories.
- Subcontractor or Subsidiary of GSO notified Body that is ISO/IEC 17025 accredited.
- IECEE CBTL laboratory (for LVD).
- In-house laboratory that is ISO17025 accredited lab and in accordance with Article 22 of the GSO regulations.

STANDARDS:

GSO approved standards can be found on: <https://www.gso.org.sa/harmonized-standards/>

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CoC ISSUANCE:

- Completed application form
- Declaration that the application is lodged to single Notified Body only.
- List of Products with details
- Specimen(s) or samples for lab testing as required.
- Label Art works and manuals.
- Technical Documents (as per the regulations)
- Test reports according to the approved GSO standards.
- Management System certificate of the Manufacturing site (conforming with the relevant Gulf or ISO standards)

Other documents: when applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:

- Copies of accreditations from the laboratory where testing was performed.
- Authorization letter for the Authorized Representative.
- Commercial Record of both Applicant and Manufacturer (Brand Owner).

LABELLING AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

- The product shall include traceability information such as the brand name, registered trade name or trademark, country of origin, and model or type reference.
- Full manufacturer (brand owner) details, including a contact point, must be provided on the product label.
- The GCTS (G-Mark with QR Barcode) shall be displayed on the product and packaging, while inclusion in the user manual is optional.
- These products will be registered in the product tracking system of GSO and have to display the "[Gulf Conformity Tracking Symbol](#)" (GCTS) on the product itself and on its packaging.
- All safety instructions and warning statements must be provided in Arabic (mandatory); English may be included as an optional additional language.

REGULATED PRODUCTS:

Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances (BD-142004-01)

Generally electrical equipment means all electrical and electronic devices and appliances and fixtures that contain electrical and/or electronic components designed for use with a voltage rating of between 50 and 1000 V for alternating current and between 75 and 1500 V for direct current, other than the electrical equipment and phenomena listed in Annex (2). According to [List No. \(2\): TC143307-01](#), the following 13 categories of electrical equipment and appliances are subjected to the CAP in Annex (4) of [the GSO LV TR](#) and require Gulf Type Examination certification by a Notified Body:

1. Domestic Electrical Fans
2. Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment [up to 30 cubic feet = 850 liters]
3. Centrifugal clothes dryers and Clothes washing machines, including machines which both wash and dry [up to 12 kg]
4. Food grinders and mixers, fruit or vegetable juice extractors.
5. Toasters

6. Electro-thermic hair-dressing apparatus and hand dryers
7. Domestic electric heating apparatus
8. Microwave ovens
9. Other ovens; cookers, cooking plates, boiling rings, grillers and roasters
10. Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters [appliances up to 200 liters]
11. Electric smoothing irons
12. Plugs, Socket outlets, Adaptors, Cord Extension Sets and chargers
13. Air conditioners

The listed equipment and phenomena below are outside the scope of this technical regulation (Annex 2):

1. Electrical equipment for use in an explosive atmosphere
2. Electrical equipment for radiology and medical purposes
3. Electrical parts for goods and passenger lifts
4. Electricity meters
5. Electric fence controllers
6. Radio-electrical interference
7. Specialized electrical equipment, for use on ships, aircraft or railways, which complies with the safety provisions drawn up by International Bodies in which the Member States participate.

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