

DRC ECO-LEVY PROGRAMME

# EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO ECO-LEVY

## OVERVIEW

Consumer Products/Appliances on reaching its end-of-life (EoL) cycle, whether due to its condition, its obsolescence or because of the damage suffered, it must be taken care of according to the local recycling and waste management regulations. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Eco-Levy programme is a self-funded end-to-end risk-based assessment programme, which includes a mechanism for performing an inspection (if required) and the collection of Eco-Levy from Exporters to support and finance the E-waste management for end-of-life of certain regulated products including both new and used pneumatic tyres, Electrical & Electronic Equipment (EEE), etc.

Key benefit of the programme is to ensure that no waste products are exported to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) without the consent of the Authorities. Intertek solely has been subcontracted by **Écologie et Développement Durable (Ecology and Sustainable Development- EDD)** to collect the Eco-Levy for all regulated products (Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), pneumatic tyres etc) on behalf of the **DRC Fonds d'Intervention pour l'Environnement (Environmental Intervention Fund - FIPE)** Government Entity.

Exporter(s)/Importer(s)/Applicant(s) are responsible for their product's quality, declared value of the product and HS Code accuracy. Intertek is solely responsible for performing risk-based inspection (if required) and collecting Eco-Levy on behalf of the **DRC Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable (Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development - MEDD)**. On successful completion of the DRC Eco-Levy programme procedures Intertek will issue an Eco-Certificate to the Applicant else a Non-Conformity Report will be issued on FIPE's approval if the consignment is found to be non-complying or if the Applicant decides not to pay the Eco-Levy. The Eco-Certificate must be presented by the Importer's representative to the DRC Customs for clearance of their goods at DRC Ports/Borders. The **Direction Générale des Douanes et Accises (Directorate General of Customs and Excise - DGDA)** will be responsible for verifying the Eco-Certificate and integrating it into the existing Customs procedures as an essential part of the documentary package required for clearing goods through **DRC Customs**.

Intertek has been appointed by **FIPE** and **EDD** to issue Eco-Certificate for shipments of Regulated Products exported to Democratic Republic of Congo from all supplying countries on a **single mandate** basis from **17th September 2024**.

## 4 STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT



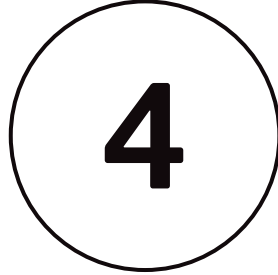
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## PRODUCT COMPLIANCE



### Products requiring an Eco-Certificate

Both **New** and **Used** pneumatic tyres, electrical & electronic equipment (EEE), etc. are regulated and would require an Eco-Certificate. The Regulated Product list is available on Intertek's website:

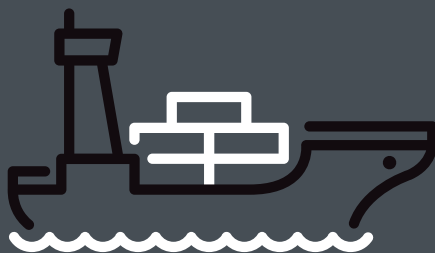
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## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR CERTIFICATION

The following documentation is required for the issuance of the Eco-Certificate:

- Copy of Proforma or Final Invoice
- Packing list
- Product photos
- Other relevant information.



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The process starts with the receipt of the completed "Request for Certification" (RFC) form and pro-forma invoice from the exporter. Intertek will review the application and process it if the products are regulated under the DRC Eco-Levy programme and collect the applicable Eco-Levy.

Intertek's Export Consultants will then apply a risk-based approach for performing inspection of the shipment. Used regulated product consignments will be subject to mandatory inspections to rule out that the products are waste. If it is decided that an inspection should be performed, the Export Consultant will select a suitable inspector for the inspection, arrange the required inspection request pack, schedule the inspection, and assess the subsequent inspection report and photographs using Intertek's custom-built software **AdvanceSystemforTrade Assessment(ASTRA)**.

If the shipment of regulated products which is under certification is found to be compliant and the applicable Eco-Levy has been collected by Intertek Office, then an Eco-Certificate will be issued to the Applicant.

Once the Eco-Certificate is issued by Intertek Offices, Exporters/Importers must follow the interim procedure outlined in the [GUICE Platform Guideline](#). This procedure involves manually uploading the Eco-Certificate along with other shipping documents onto the DRC's Single Window System (GUICE) platform. It is the sole responsibility of both the Exporter and Importer to ensure that the Eco-Certificate and all required documents are uploaded to the GUICE platform before the Customs Clearance process begins.



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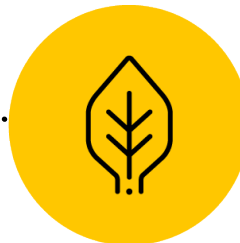
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## ECO-LEVY PER SHIPMENT

The exporter requesting certification services is responsible for paying Intertek the Total Eco-Levy applicable for the shipment:

Intertek Office shall apply the Eco-Levy unit rate per item applicable for all the Regulated Products included in the shipment multiplied by its quantity to arrive at the Total Eco-Levy for the shipment.





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### Key:

- ASTRA Advanced System for Trade Assessment
- CSC Customer Service Centre
- EDD Écologie et Développement Durable (Ecology and Sustainable Development)
- EC Eco-Certificate
- FIPE Fonds d'Intervention pour l'Environnement (Environmental Intervention Fund)
- MEDD Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable (Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development)
- RFC Request for Certification

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