



## **NOTICE TO ALL IMPORTERS AND CLEARING AGENTS**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONFORMITY AND VALUATION PROGRAMME**

The Government of Zimbabwe would like to inform the general public and business community in particular, that the implementation of the Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) programme that intends to substantially reduce hazardous and substandard imported products and improve Customs duty collection will commence on the 27 of July 2015.

Within this CBCA programme, products intended to be exported to Zimbabwe will be inspected prior shipment in the country of export. Upon satisfactory verification, a CBCA certificate will be issued for the consignment. This certificate shall be presented for Customs clearance on arrival in Zimbabwe. A category list of goods subject to the programme is attached.

- Food and Agriculture
- Building and civil engineering
- Packaging material
- Electrical/electronic appliances
- Body care
- Automotive and transportation
- Clothing and textile
- Engineering equipment
- Toys

The business community is urged to inform their suppliers of the new implementation date of the CBCA program. The suppliers should then contact Bureau Veritas, the Conformity assessment company appointed for the verification in exporting regions. Details on [www.verigates.com](http://www.verigates.com). Requests for certificates may also be sent to [conformity.zimbabwe@bureauveritas.com](mailto:conformity.zimbabwe@bureauveritas.com).

As from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015, any consignment will have to be verified prior being shipped to Zimbabwe. All inspected goods will be issued a Transitional certificate and goods will not be rejected into the country even if they fail to meet the required standards but the importers and

exporters will be informed about the non- conformity on their goods. The Transitional period will end on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

The CBCA program will be at its full implementation stage as from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. The certificate of conformity will be required for the clearance of goods and consignment of listed goods not accompanied with this certificate will be refused from entry into the country.

For the detailed list of products and HS codes please visit the Ministry website [www.mic.gov.zw](http://www.mic.gov.zw) and for further enquires forward an email to [mic@mic.gov.zw](mailto:mic@mic.gov.zw).