







Currently there are over 30 federal laws regulating mandatory certification. The list of products subject to mandatory certification is provided in the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation from 13.08.97, and updated in 29.04.02.

Based on this list Gosstandard together with the Russian Customs Committee has enacted the List of Products, which need mandatory certification prior to release onto territory of the RF.

The Russian certification system regulate laws:
Protection of Rights of Consumers
Law on Standardization
Protection of Rights of Consumers
Law on Certification
Protection of Rights of Consumers
Law on Technical Regulation

The new Law on Technical Regulation, effective from 01.07.2003, has to gradually replace the existing mandatory certification systems with the new ones before year 2011. About 500'000 currently acting state standards (GOST) have to be replaced by over 1000 statutory technical regulations. Harmonisation of local technical trade barriers with international practices is one of the conditions for Russia to join WTO.





GOST R Declaration of Conformity

- GOST R Declaration of Conformity is the official document where a manufacturer or importer or retailer assures that his products meet Russian safety regulations. It is a pre-requisite for product placement onto the Russian market but is not required for customs clearance.
- A declared product should be marked by the registered GOST R sign or The Mark of Conformity to demonstrate compliance to applicable Russian standards.







Procedure

GOST R Declaration system is supervised by Rostekhregulirovaniye (Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology). Only a Russian legal entity can be a holder of the Declaration of Conformity.

The GOST R Declaration of Conformity is drafted and signed by the manufacturer, or importer or retailer according to the enacted template. It should also be registered in a GOST R Certification Body accredited by Rostekhregulirovaniye.

The Declaration of Conformity has legal power equal to a Certificate of Conformity.

Registration of the Declaration of Conformity by the GOST R Certification body is based on the following:

Test protocols from GOST R accredited laboratories

Voluntary GOST R Certificate of Conformity and/or other certificates

Technical documents presented by the applicant







Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology

Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology (abbreviated as **Rostekhregulirovaniye**) is included in the system of federal executive bodies of the Russian Federation and is under jurisdiction of Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation. **Rostekhregulirovaniye** is the new name for **Gosstandart of Russia**.

It was formed by Decree No. 649, dated May 20, 2004, of the President of the Russian Federation "Issues of Federal Executive Bodies Structure".





Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology

Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology acts directly through its territorial bodies and organizations under its jurisdiction:

- more than 1100 certification bodies
- about 2500 test laboratories



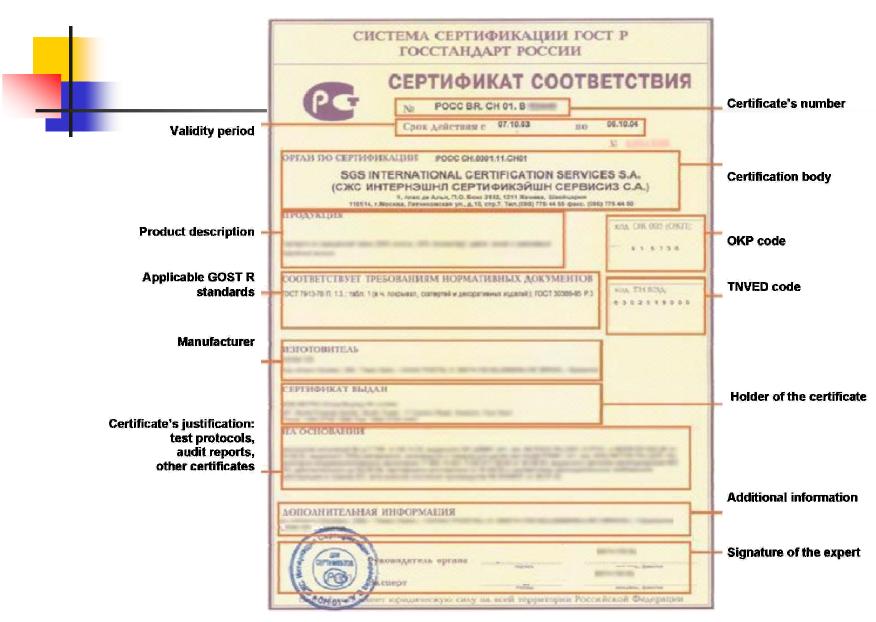


OBLIGATORY CERTIFICATE

Certifies quality of actually supplied goods and their compliance with contractual terms. A quality certificate contains a profile of goods or confirms their compliance with certain standards or specifications of a delivery order. A certificate of compliance is intended for certification of goods produced by Russian companies or shipped to Russia by an importer-company. A certificate of compliance can be issued for a batch of goods and on a series production. In the former case a certificate is legalized for a company engaged in supplying goods to the Russian market. Its validity varies with terms of a sale contract. In the latter case a foreign manufacturer of supplied goods is both an applicant and a recipient of a certificate. This type of a certificate is valid for a period identified in a certification document. Certification is carried out by our specialists on production premises of a company seeking certification of goods it manufactures. On the basis of results obtained during testing samples of goods in a laboratory an appropriate certificate of series production compliance is issued.

There are cases where GOST certificate is issued when documents like: a hygienic report, a veterinary certificate, fire safety certificate, etc. are available. These all mean that we must receive all these documents for you before.











VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATE

For products not subjected mandatory certification according to the Russian law, voluntary certification scheme may be applied. Exporters or importers initiate voluntary certification with the aim to formally prove the conformity of their products to the applicable Russian standards, technical norms or recipes. In other words, GOST Certificate of Conformity is a powerful marketing tool to capture Russian customer.









Single shipment certificates GOST

This kind of certificate is for companies who export their goods only occasionally. The single shipment certificate is valid for one delivery only. But, there is a possibility of few deliveries using this one shipment certificate. In the certificate is written the amount of goods which are going to be exported to Russia. So this amount can be divided in few deliveries.

The one shipment certificate is only for those company who can prove (by a contract with the russian receiver or by an invoice) their customer in Russia.

There are the following documents needed to make the Exemption Letter:

- The full name of the company with address info
- The exact name of the product with the names of models and types
- The technical documentation or operating documentation with descriptions
- The invoice in russian language
- The customs tariff code
- The contract and the enclosure with all technical descriptions.





Exemption Letter

This kind of document confirms that exported or sold product is not subject to mandatory GOST R certification in Russia.

There are two kinds of Exemption Letters:

Refusal Explanation Letters - it shows customs bodies that your product do not need the GOST certificate.

Information Letters (References) - it shows trade and intermediary companies that your product do not need the GOST certificate.

The procedure of issuing an Exemption Letter usually takes about 5-7 working days.

First, the documentation (like for the example: technical descriptions of the products, delivery to Russia) is being reviewed. Then, the product is being identified according to the russian classification system and then according to the technical documentation, the experts are making their conclusions.

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Information Support

With the purpose of providing availability for interested persons of National Standards and All-Russian Classifications as well as information on them Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology organizes their official publication according to Russian Federation Government Decree №594 as of September 25, 2003 "On publication of National Standards and All-Russian Classifications of Technical, Economical and Social Information" with modifications introduced by Russian Federation Government Decree №486 as of August 2, 2005 "On modification and annulment of some Russian Federation Government Decrees on matters of technical regulating".

"STANDARTINFORM" carries out official publication of National Standards and All-Russian Classifications.

For their distribution a network is developed. It includes:

- territorial distribution departments (Standards shops);
- organizations that are authorized by the Federal Agency to distribute Standards





Federal State Unitary Organization "The Russian Scientific and Technical Centre for Information on Standardization, Metrology and Conformity Assessment"

FSUO "STANDARTINFORM" carries out:

- formation and actualization of Federal Information Collection of technical regulations and standards;
- co-ordination of works on establishment and functioning of Integrated Information System on Technical Regulation;
- official publishing, registration, edition of national standards of the Russian Federation, all-Russian classifications, translation of international and regional standards as well as standards of world leading economies;
- maintenance and development of the State Service on standard information data on physical constants and properties of compounds and materials;
- providing users with copies of technical regulations, national standards of the Russian Federation, all-Russian classifications for technical economical and social information, international (regional) and national standards of foreign countries and translations of these documents on paper and electronic carriers

FSUO "STANDARTINFORM" acts as:

- National Information Center of the ISO international network (ISONET);
- Enquiry Point, providing implementation of provisions of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers in Trade And Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures;
- National Information Centre on standardized terminology;
- Leading Scientific Metrological Center "Standard information data on physical constants and properties of compounds and materials";
- Information Analytical Centre "Safety of Materials and Compounds".







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