

CERTIFICATION SERVICES

In Russia, only local norms are valid and only local certificates are recognized. International certificates (e.g. CE, ATEX) are not recognized by the Russian authorities. The presence of such certificates, however, simplifies the process of obtaining Russian certificates.

The Russian certification process is a complex procedure that involves a lot of paperwork and hence a lot of time. Russia will start accepting international certificates when it becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). However, Russia is not expected to join the WTO in the near future. Therefore, the present system will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Certificates are required for about 60% of all goods and are issued by various accredited state organs. There are 18 compulsory systems of certification and for one product more than one certification is sometimes required.

The most common certificate is the GOST-R Certificate of Conformity. This certificate is required at Russian customs for importing goods. It can be issued for a single contract or for serial production for a certain period of years. The bearer of the certificate can be the manufacturer or a distributor. An important point to bear in mind is that in case the certificate is issued on the distributor, the manufacturer can only import via this channel.

Other certificates that are often required include:

1. SAN Hygienic Conclusion;
2. Rostekhnadzor Permit to Use;
3. GOST-R Ex-Proof Certificate;
4. GOST-R Pattern Approval Certificate;
5. Fire Safety Certificate (Gospozhnadzor);
6. Refusal Letters.

What can Lighthouse do for you?

1. Estimate costs and time frames

It is difficult to provide general indications on costs and time frames up front. Each issue has to be examined individually. A simple GOST-R Certificate of Conformity might be obtained within one week, whereas obtaining more complex certificates can take up to half a year and more.

In order to draw up a proposal, Lighthouse requires the following minimal information:

- a. Internal Customs Codes of the goods to be certified;
 - b. A detailed description of the goods indicating technical parameters, material, composition (textiles), ingredients (food products), spheres of application etc.;
 - c. If available, copies of international certificates.
2. Draw up a concrete proposal including costs and time frames

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