

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Products for which *Normas Oficiales Mexicanas* (NOMs), official Mexican standards, have been issued, must be tested in Mexico and a compliance certificate must be obtained from the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial* (SECOFI), *Dirección General de Normas*, Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development, or from an agency accredited by them. This certificate must accompany the goods when they are imported.

The Canadian exporter will have to obtain the appropriate documentation from the importer. The certification number must be included on a label, which includes the NOM logo, affixed to each item.

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Regardless of the product involved, the following classes of goods are exempt from the requirement for certificates of compliance:

- Goods imported for the purpose of obtaining a NOM certification;
- Goods included in personal accompanied baggage;
- Personal items sent by a Mexican resident;
- Goods imported by scientific or educational institutions;
- Samples with no commercial value;
- Temporary imports for repair or in-bond assembly;
- Bulk goods;
- Capital and intermediate goods; and
- Certain highly-specialized goods in small quantities.

IMPORT DOCUMENTATION

QUOTA-CERTIFICATES AND IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

Import permits are currently required for about 300 items, some of which may be subject to import quotas. The list includes agricultural items that are considered vital to Mexico's economy, such as some beans and powdered milk., as well as some machinery and luxury goods. There are currently no import licences required for any products. There are, however some agricultural products that require sanitary authorization. If a product requires import authorization or notification, customs authorities will require the respective import permit or certificate of notification to be submitted at the border point of entry.

These permits are issued by the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial* (SECOFI), Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development. Delays are possible, however, under the deregulation process, time limits are being established. For example, for sanitary import authorization, a 5-day limit applies. In some cases, it may be necessary to have letters of valuation, which are authorized and endorsed abroad by a Mexican Consulate.