# PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL

The importer who wish to import any of the items covered under the Import Inspection Scheme shall be conversant with the relevant requirements given below.

* 1. Imported consignments of designated items are broadly categorized as follows:

# Category 1

Consignments accompanied with acceptable COC issued by a third party accredited laboratory in the exporting country after analyzing samples of the goods drawn independently by the same laboratory or an accredited inspection agency or,

Acceptable COCs issued from a laboratory which is registered with Sri Lanka standards Institution or from any other Government Institution registered with SLSI. Refer QA\_GL\_7.1\_06.

# Benefits to the Importer:

If the submitted COC is acceptable for the consignment, the consignment will be approved for sale or use with or without sampling. Samples will be drawn for random check from arbitrary consignments and after sampling the consignment will be approved for sale or use. However, the SLSI has the rights to decide the frequency of sampling based on the past performance of the manufacturer, the laboratory and the importer.

# Category 2

Consignments accompanied with a COC issued from the National Standards body of the exporting country. The COC shall be issued based on the relevant Sri Lanka Standards Specification.

# Benefits to the Importer

If the submitted COC is acceptable the consignment will be approved for sale or use with or without sampling. Samples will be drawn for random check from arbitrary consignments and after sampling the consignment will be approved for sale or use. However, the SLSI has the rights to decide the frequency of sampling based on the past performance of the manufacturer and the importer.

# Category 3

Consignments imported from a manufacturing plant registered with the SLSI. Refer QA\_GL\_7.1\_07. Each consignment shall accompany Quality Certificates(QC) issued by the manufacturing plant.

# Benefits to the Importer

If the submitted Quality Certificate (QC) is satisfactory the consignment will be approved for sale or use with or without sampling. Samples will be drawn for random check from arbitrary consignments and the frequency of sampling is based on the past performance of the manufacturer and the importer.

# Category4

Consignments of products carrying the "Product Certification Mark" of the National Standards body of any country where the standard used for said certification is compatible with the corresponding Sri Lanka Standards Specification.

# Benefits to the Importer

* + 1. If the product bears the Product Certification Mark of Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLS mark) the consignment will be released for sale or use with or without sampling. Samples will be drawn for random check from arbitrary consignments and after sampling the consignment will be approved for sale or use. However, the SLSI will decide the frequency of sampling based on the past performance of the manufacturer and the importer.
		2. If the product bears an acceptable Product Certification Mark of an another country the consignment will be approved for sale or use with or without sampling. Samples will be drawn for random check arbitrary consignments and after sampling the consignment will be approved for sale or use. However, the SLSI will decide the frequency of sampling based on the past performance of the manufacturer and the importer.

# Category 5

Reliability and satisfaction on the past performance of the manufacturer and importer of the product with respect to the product compliance.

# Benefits to the Importer.

Even though each consignment is sampled, after sampling the consignment would be approved for sale or use. Decision is based on satisfactory past performance of the manufacture of the particular product and the reliability of the importer.

# Category 6

Consignments which do not fall into any of the above categories. (Refer clause 1.4)

* 1. An importer who imports any of the designated items shall submit a Pre-Export COC for the consignments falling under the Categories 1 to 3 as given in Clause 1.1 to ensure the conformity of the consignment to the relevant Sri Lanka Standard. The COC shall contain the results of the tested parameters required in the standard.

1.3. An importer who intends to import any of the designated items may submit a Pro forma and test reports (pertaining to the items intended to be imported), to the SLSI and may get a verification from the institution whether such items are acceptable for the purpose of import before establishing the letters of credit. However, this does not exempt the importer from submitting the pre-export COC pertaining to the specific batch / batches under importation, as stipulated in Clause 1.2.

* 1. Importation of any consignment of designated items which fall under Category 6 as in Clause 1.1 will be sampled at port and consignments will not be released from the port until test report is available. However, the SLSI may consider releasing the goods to a customs bonded warehouse, or importers until clearance is obtained. If sampling at port premises is difficult or test result could

not be obtained in a short period of time, the consignment may be released to the importer’s warehouse based on personal guarantee letter and past performance of the importer as well as the manufacturer.

* 1. It is emphasized that the consignments of items of which drawing of samples at the Port premises is difficult or test results could not be obtained in a short period of time be supported with an acceptable COC or QC as specified in Categories 1, 2 or 3 in order to avoid delays.
	2. However, the SLSI will retain the authority to draw samples, from any of these consignments, if there is a reasonable doubt regarding the quality of the consignment and subject them for testing. The SLSI may refuse the release of such consignments if found unsatisfactory.