

# Pre-shipment Conformity Assessment (PSCA)

## What is PSCA?

Pre-shipment conformity assessment programs (also called PVoC in some countries) assess standards compliance of products before they are exported.

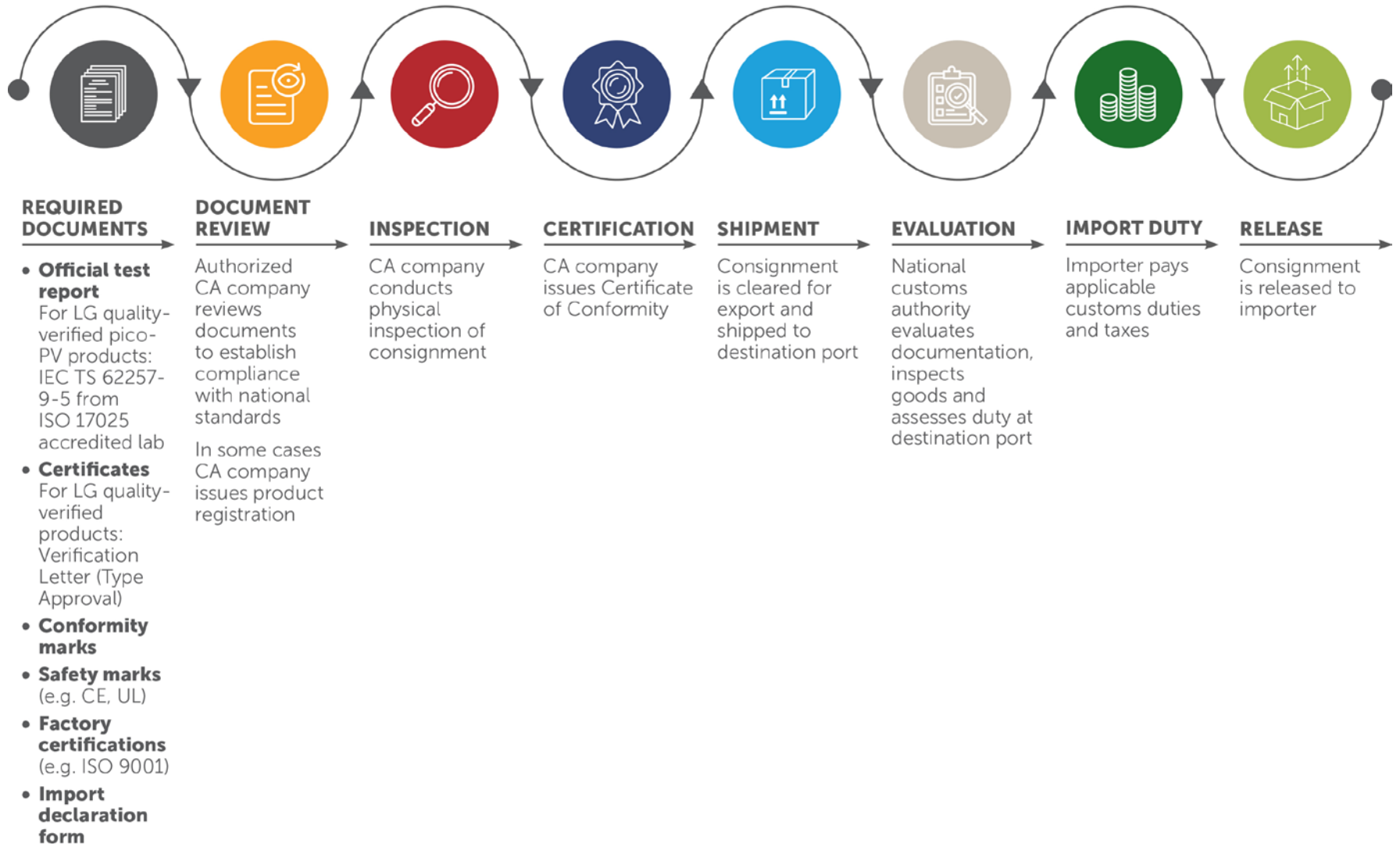
## Who carries out PSCA?

Independent third-party organizations that are accredited by national governments.

Some commonly accredited companies:

- Intertek
- SGS
- Bureau Veritas
- Cotecna

# PSCA Process for Pico-PV Products



# Benefits of PSCA

## Governments

- Keep out sub-standard products through assessment prior to shipment
- Reduce the risk of dumping inferior & damaging goods
- Facilitate international trade through streamlining & transparency
- Reduce demand on government resources by outsourcing
- Shift cost of compliance to exporters

## Exporters & Importers

- Avoid costly delays at importation
- Reduce potential losses from importing non-compliant products

## Consumers

- Price of can be reduced due to lower transaction costs associated with import/export procedures