



Pre-Shipment Inspection / Documentary Destination Inspection of Imports into Liberia

BIVAC – Bureau Veritas Group was appointed as the exclusive **Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI)** and **Destination Documentary Inspection (DDI)** provider for Liberia.



BENEFITS OF PSI AND DDI

For the Private Sector:

- Provide a independent verification of products;
- Ensure conformity of goods with contractual specifications;
- Contribute to faster Customs Clearance;

For the Public Sector:

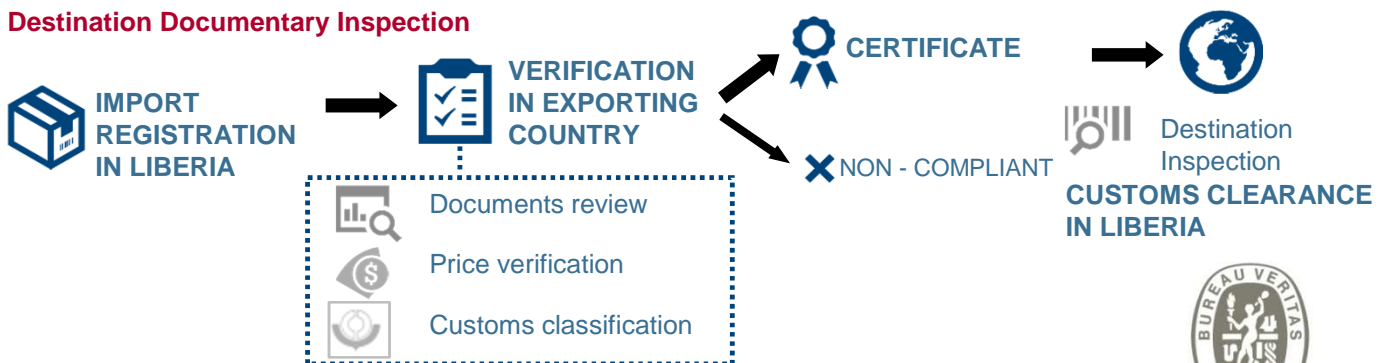
- Collect the correct customs revenue;
- Implement trade facilitation schemes;
- Provide reliable statistical information on International Trade;
- Improve transparency.

BASIC PROCESSES OVERVIEW

Pre-Shipment Inspection



Destination Documentary Inspection



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ELIGIBILITY

Thresholds:

- **Sea freight:** no threshold. All sea shipments (including Open Top Containers, Office containers, LCL shipments, and loose cargo) will have to undergo Pre-Shipment Inspection regardless of value.
- **Air freight:** see Documentary Destination Inspection section below.

Documentary Destination Inspection:

The following shipments are exempted from PSI and will undergo DDI without penalty:

- Air shipments with a CIF (Cost + Insurance + Freight) value equal or above USD 2,000.00
- Shipments of used personal effects and household goods coming from the USA can undergo PSI or DDI (depending on the importer's choice) without penalty.
- All containers that have undergone PSI, but for which the seal affixed further to the inspection has been broken. This additional service will be charged to the importer separately.

The following shipments must undergo DDI but will be charged a penalty by Customs:

- All imports that have not undergone PSI while mandatory (except where the shipment is PSI exempted).

Exemptions:

The products/shipments described below are exempted from inspection:

- Air Imports below CIF USD 2,000.00
- Shipments coming to Liberia by road.
- Reasonable amount of personal, household or removal articles as defined in regulation by LRA;
- Supplies for missions, United Nations Organizations and NGO's;
- Gold, precious stones, objects of art. Notwithstanding, at the request of the LRA, Gold, precious stones and other minerals shall be subject to inspection by BIVAC before export and of imported and shall attract BIVAC inspection fee or the Customs User Fee as applicable;
- Explosives and pyrotechnic products, arms, ammunition, weapons and implement of war imported by the Arm Forces of Liberia (AFL), Liberia National Police(LNP), and National Security Agency (NSA);
- Live animals, trade samples, foodstuffs from West Africa region, fresh fish caught by local Liberian canoes and as prescribed in regulations.

LIST OF PROHIBITED GOODS

- Right Hand Drive Vehicles
- Shellfish (oysters and mussels) harvested in France
- Energy drinks under the name of Pussy

LIST OF RESTRICTED IMPORTS OR SUBJECT TO PRIOR REGISTRATION

Certain goods are not allowed for importation into Liberia. Detail of these goods can be obtained from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

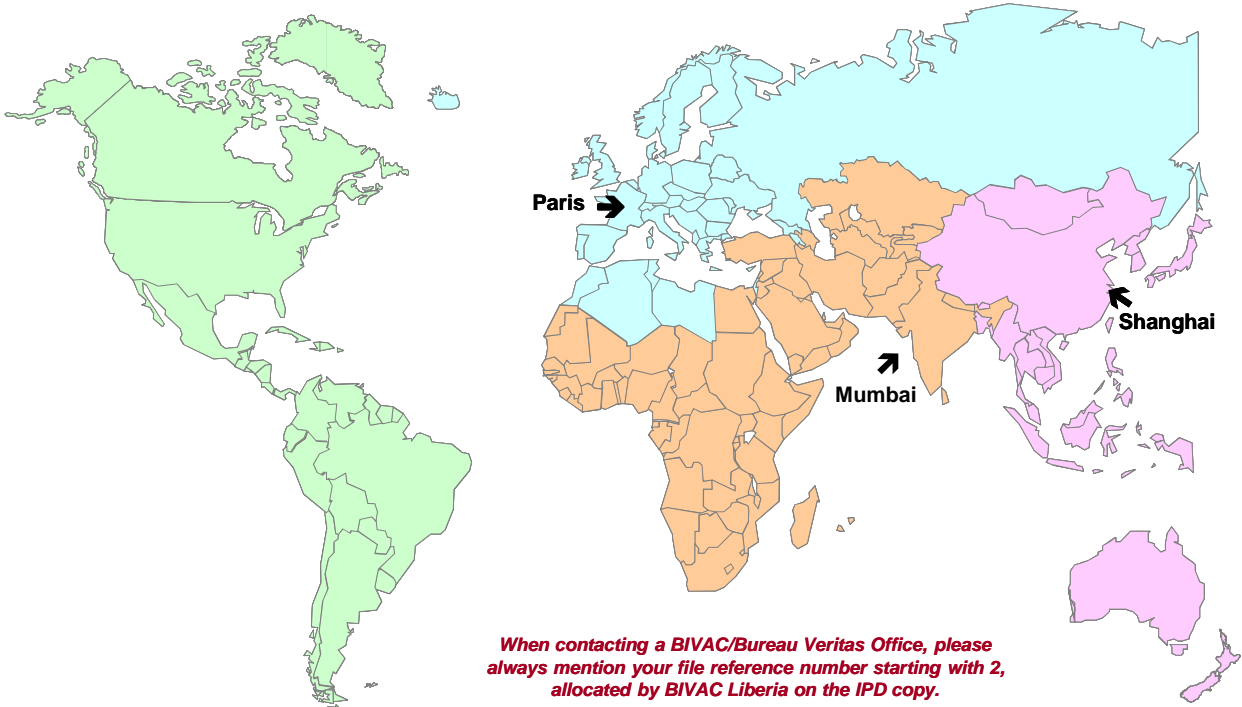


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