Government Services & International Trade (GSIT)

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION SERVICES
SOMALIA

Guidelines to Exporters


The Pre-Shipment Inspection Services are intended to facilitate international trade and contribute to the economic development of the country.

Since its creation, BIVAC International has provided Pre-Shipment Inspection services to countries on every continent. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bureau Veritas, one of the world’s leading independent control and inspection groups.

Bureau Veritas is one of the most widely represented Conformity Assessment companies in the world. This worldwide coverage is provided by 1,330 offices and laboratories, located in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 59,000.

Services provided by BIVAC / GSIT Division of Bureau Veritas Group are designed to:

- Facilitate transparency in trading activities;
- Ensure that goods meet current regulations and standards;
- Provide Authorities with effective means of overseeing and controlling foreign trade and protect revenues.

PROHIBITED GOODS
List of prohibited goods:
- Counterfeits, mis-leading marks;
- Drugs, Narcotics;
- Weapons and war ammunition;
- Pornographic publications;
- Asbestos and products containing asbestos;
- Counterfeit goods;
- Toxic wastes;
- Foodstuff with insufficient shelf life.

GOODS EXEMPTED FROM PSI
List of goods exempted from PSI:
- Gold;
- Precious stones;
- Objects of art;
- Scrap metals;
- Explosives, weapons, ammunition and other materials for the Army and the Police;
- Live animals;
- Fish, vegetables and fruits fresh or refrigerated (neither frozen nor deep frozen);
- Plants and flowers;
- Cinematographic films, exposed and developed;
- Current newspaper and periodicals, postal and fiscal stamps, stamped papers, bank notes and check books, passports;
- Personal gifts;
- Post parcels;
- Crude Oil;
- Commercial samples;
- Donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations to the government;
- Imports for diplomatic entities and for United Nations organizations for their own use.

CONTACTS
See separate Contacts Sheet (per main Importing Countries)

For further information and last updates, please contact
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PROCEDURE

All goods except those exempted or prohibited have to be inspected before shipment; there is no threshold value for goods to be inspected.

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The importer informs the exporter that:

• BIVAC BV - Bureau Veritas Group has been appointed by the Government of Somalia as Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency to perform inspection services for goods to be shipped to Somalia.

• Inspections have to be performed in all exporting countries.

COUNTRY OF EXPORTER

The Exporter gets in touch with the Bureau Veritas Country Office (BVCO) to open a Pre-Shipment Inspection order (PIO). Accounts are opened in VERIGATES, for Exporter and Importer, as well.

Upon registration of the Inspection Order, inspection fees have to be paid by the Exporter to Bureau Veritas BIVAC BV: one per cent (1%) of the FOB value of the goods as per pro forma invoice, with a minimum fee of USD 350.

Upon payment of the inspection fees, the PIO is validated. A Request for Inspection (RFI) is sent to the exporter to agree on the location and the date when the goods are available for inspection.

To ensure a timely inspection, it is important that the Exporter replies quickly to BVCO.

An inspector physically checks the goods to ensure that the description corresponds to the details on the Inspection Order and the pro forma invoice.

The inspectors are specialists who make their checks in the presence of the seller.

Bureau Veritas Expertise Centre:

• Uses inspectors' reports to determine the correct Customs Classification code for goods which have been physically inspected.

• Performs a final price analysis on the basis of the final commercial invoice presented by the seller.

• Assesses the value for duty purposes in accordance with the Customs regulations of Somalia.

If the quantity, quality, specification and price are found to conform, or have been corrected in the case of discrepancy, the Expertise Centre issues a Clean Report of Findings (CRF).

Should irregularities/discrepancies not be corrected by the Exporter, a Discrepancy Report (DR) is issued.

The electronic secured Clean Report of Findings (CRF) is available in VERIGATES. One copy if sent to the Importer for customs clearance purposes.

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The Importer receives directly from the Exporter the electronic secured Clean Report of Findings (CRF) under the form of a PDF document, for Customs clearance purposes.