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Customs Classification Code Services (CCCS)

For greater reliability in trade facilitation within non Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) countries.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The WCO "International Convention on the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)" is used by more than 177 countries as a basis for their Customs Tariffs and Statistical Information. Exporters and Importers need to ensure that the goods are correctly classified using the Harmonized System (HS) of the country of import.
With incorrect HS codes, importers can receive: substantial fines, delays in Customs clearances, subject to having their shipments seized and even face Civil and Criminal charges.
They need a reliable global partner to help them overcome these obstacles.

SOLUTION

What is CCCS?
In carrying out Customs Classification Code Services (CCCS) of goods on behalf of exporting/importing entities, Bureau Veritas helps international trade operators to comply fully with the importing countries Harmonized System (HS). This improves their business efficiency and reduces risk wherever possible. The service also provides clients with the peace of mind they require.

What are the key benefits?
- accurate interpretations of the Customs Classification Codes
- reduce or elimination of fines and penalties
- compliance with import regulations and laws
- faster clearance of goods
- reduce delays
- peace of mind

RELATED SERVICES

Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of services related to trade facilitation:
- Control by X-ray Scanner
- Verification of Conformity (VOC)
- VeriVALUE database
- RAMSES (Risk Analysis Management Selection & Evaluation System) Software
- Inspection of Agrifood & Commodities
- Crude Oil & Petroleum products Inspection
- Inspection of Mineral Products
- Verification of Wood Products for Export
- Vehicle Inspection Services (VIS)
- Vehicle Damage Tracking (VDT)
- Vehicle Stock Control (VSC)
- Vehicle Lease Inspections
- General Trade Services

Some of these services are built to be compatible and can be combined to generate efficiency, consistency and optimization.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

Bureau Veritas acts as trade facilitation services provider on five continents and is one of the world's leading providers of import control and inspection services.
ISO 9001: 2000 certification ■ Certification of all its activities worldwide confirms that Bureau Veritas closely controls the quality of its services, from design to performance and verification. The Bureau Veritas Group also complies with ISO 17020.
Efficiency guaranteed by worldwide presence ■ Bureau Veritas relies on its international network, with a workforce of over 26,000 in 700 offices worldwide.
Proven experience ■ Bureau Veritas was founded in 1828. Through its dedicated subsidiary BIVAC International, it has more than 20 years' experience in trade facilitation services performed on behalf of numerous clients.
Founding member of IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies) ■ The trade association for inspection agencies and other organizations that provide inspection, testing and certification services internationally. Bureau Veritas complies with the IFIA compliance Code and PSI Code of Practice.

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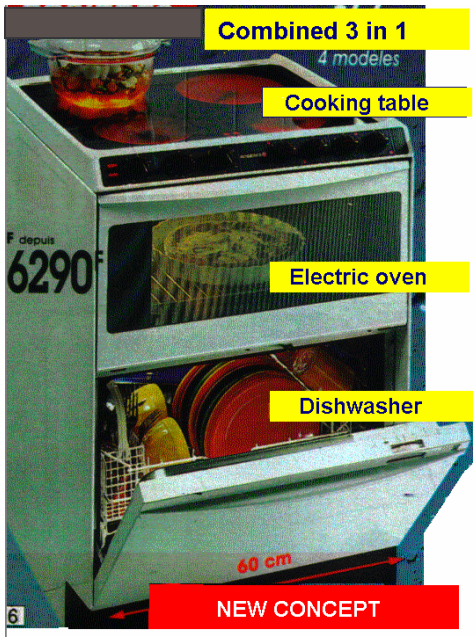
OUR APPROACH

1. Registering in the country of export by the exporter or importer

• The exporter or importer lodges a pro-forma invoice or similar document with the Bureau Veritas office.
• Which passes it to the appropriate Bureau Veritas office in the country of export.
• The BV office in the country of export examines the documents.
• Conducts a review of the documentary description of goods for export.
• Ensures that the goods identification is complete and not missing any information (as in Chemicals -such as MSDS, certificate of analysis) on the actual shipment.
• Assigns the correct Customs Classification Code to the goods.

2. Release of Documents

• The exporter is sent the pro-forma or documents that were originally submitted, with the classification code assigned to each product item as per the HS Classification System.
• Detailed information on procedures in force in countries currently under contract is available from our local Bureau Veritas offices.



FAQ

Are all goods subject to H.S. Classification?
Yes, universally, almost all countries subscribe to World Customs Organization HS and goods need to be accurately classified as this will affect the amount of duties and taxes to be paid.

What is the minimum value subject to Classification?
There is no minimum value. As per Customs requirements, all products must have a HS Code assigned to each item.

How long does it take for the classification process to be completed by BV?
The timing is subject to the number of actual items and accurate description of each.

Who pays for the Classification Service?
It could be the exporter, the importer, or the freight forwarder. Whoever requests the service or acknowledges a contractual responsibility to BV.

TRADE FACILITATION REFERENCES

•Angola
•Argentina
•Bangladesh
•Belarus
•Benin
•Bolivia
•Cambodia
•Central African Republic
•Chad
•Colombia
•Congo
•Côte d'Ivoire
•Democratic Republic of Congo
•Ecuador
•Egypt
•Gambia
•Ghana
•Guinea
•Iran
•Jordan
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