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Preshipment Inspection (PSI)

For greater reliability in trade facilitation within Government contracts

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Governments need to ensure that the correct revenues are collected on imports/exports.
They need a reliable global partner to help them reach this goal.

SOLUTION

What is PSI?
This service carried out for governments combines confirmation of the buyer's specifications, and quantity and value controls of imports/exports. It is done in compliance with WTO (World Trade Organization) requirements.
In carrying out preshipment inspection of goods on behalf of Customs authorities, Bureau Veritas helps international trade operators to comply fully with current legislation. This improves their business efficiency and eliminates risk wherever possible. The service also provides government clients with the guarantee they require.

What are the key benefits?
- facilitate and promote transparency in trading activities
- improve the collection of customs duties and taxes
- identify dumping and subsidies
- ensure that goods conform to contract specifications
- provide authorities with effective means of overseeing and controlling foreign trade through accurate statistics

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.

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.

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OUR APPROACH

1. Import registration in the importing country
- The importer lodges a pro-forma invoice with the Bureau Veritas office.
- Which passes it to the appropriate Bureau Veritas office in the country of export.

2. Intervention in the supplier country
- The BV office in the country of export examines the documents.
- Conducts a physical inspection of the goods for export.
- Ensures that their description matches the information on the Preshipment Inspection order and pro-forma invoice.

On the basis of inspection reports, the BV office in the country of export:
- assigns the correct customs classification code to the goods,
- makes a final price analysis,
- calculates the value for customs duty purposes in line with Customs regulations in the importing country. If quantity, specifications of goods and price are right, or have been corrected to remove any discrepancies, the BV office issues a Clean Report of Findings (CRF).

3. Customs clearance in the importing country
- The local BV office receives CRF data.
- Delivers the printed documents to the importer to be presented to the authorities.

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 inspection?
No, some goods may be prohibited and others are exempted depending on the destination country (see corresponding datasheet on Web site).

What is the minimum value subject to inspection?
The minimum value is designated by the client country. If goods are covered by several commercial invoices, all issued by the same exporter, arriving by the same means of transportation, consigned to the same importer and having a combined value above the established minimum, they will be subject to Preshipment Inspection.

Should the goods be packed prior to inspection?
Goods should be presented along with the packaging to be used. However, if the packaging does not allow the inspector to correctly identify the items, it would have to be reviewed and repacked under inspection control.

Who pays for the inspection?
It could be the government, the importer or the exporter, depending on the destination country (see corresponding datasheet on Web site).

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
- Kenya
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Venezuela

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