

# PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

## 1. Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) mandate

MANDATE AUTHORISED BY:	<i>Ministry of Economy, Finances, Budget and Plan (Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances, du Budget et du Plan)</i>
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S):	<i>Rules and Regulations issued by the Government of Central Africa, Contract between the Government and Bureau Veritas BIVAC BV.</i>
APPOINTED PSI COMPANY (IES):	<i>BUREAU VERITAS/BIVAC</i>
SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES:	<i>N/A</i>
SCOPE OF DUTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Import Eligibility</i></li> <li>• <i>Quality, Quantity</i></li> <li>• <i>Export market price</i></li> <li>• <i>Customs classification</i></li> <li>• <i>Value for Customs purposes</i></li> <li>• <i>Assessment of import duties and taxes</i></li> </ul>
MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI:	<i>XAF 500,000 FOB No threshold for FCL containers.</i>
PART SHIPMENTS:	<i>Subject to PSI if total order value equals or exceeds XAF 500,000 FOB</i>
EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI:	<i>Yes</i>

## 2. Pre-Shipment Inspection Order (P.I.O.) - The instruction for BIVAC to inspect

P.I.O. NAME:	<i>Déclaration d'Importation Commerciale (DIC) (to be opened if FOB value equals or exceeds XAF 500,000).</i>
ISSUED BY:	<i>Bureau Veritas BIVAC.</i>
VALIDITY:	<i>6 months (may be extended 3 months).</i>
AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED:	<i>N/A.</i>
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
DESTINATION INSPECTION:	<i>Not authorised.</i>

## 3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS	<i>Yes.</i>
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	<i>See Section 8.</i>
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	<i>See Section 9.</i>

### 3. Inspection requirements/restrictions (Cont'ed)

LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whenever possible FCL (Full Container Load) containers will be sealed and corresponding seal number will be mentioned on the Attestation de Vérification (ADV) so that the goods can be cleared in a shorter time upon arrival;</i></li> <li>• <i>As regards colouring matters, paints, insecticides and chemical treatments, complex chemicals, following checking will be required: number of the batch, expiry dates and integrity of the packing if needed;</i></li> <li>• <i>For agro-food products quality analysis will have to be performed in a laboratory every time it is necessary;</i></li> <li>• <i>Expiry date and manufacturing date for agro-food have to be checked and stated in the ADV.</i></li> </ul>

### 4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:	<i>Should be declared by the exporter.</i>
INSURANCE:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	<i>FOB value per item + freight + invoice and ancillary charges (where applicable).</i>

### 5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT:	<i>Final invoice, transport document, certificate of origin where goods are originated from a CEMAC country: Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea.</i>
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:	<b><i>Attestation de Vérification, Rapport d'Anomalies, Certification of final invoice.</i></b>
REPORT PURPOSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Attestation de Verification is issued for the use of Customs Authorities and Importer for clearing the goods.</i></li> <li>• <i>Rapport d'Anomalies is issued for inconsistencies including quantity value and/or quality.</i></li> <li>• <i>A certified final invoice is given to the exporter for L/C transactions or upon request.</i></li> </ul>

### 6. Inspection fees

*Paid by the importer (to the Bank when opening the DIC).*

*Nevertheless, Bureau Veritas/BIVAC may invoice the Seller in the event of supplementary inspection visits (in vain or unsatisfactory results). The costs incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, testing, sampling, repacking... are for the account of the Seller.*

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## 7. List of goods exempted from PSI

- Precious stones;
- Precious metals;
- Objects of art;
- Ammunitions and arms other than for hunting and/or sport, similar materials and equipment imported by Army itself;
- Live animals;
- Cinematographic films, exposed and developed;
- Current newspapers and periodicals;
- Parcel post;
- Serum, vaccines, medicines (for human use);
- Imports for United Nations Organisations, for their own use;
- Goods imported for which the FOB value is below XAF 500,000.

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## 8. List of prohibited goods

No specific requirement.

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## 9. List of restricted goods

- Sugar: any request for a DIC is subject to the submission by the importer of the original of the inter-departmental authorisation granted for importing sugar in the Central African Republic.

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## 10. Geographical inspection zones

World-wide

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