

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION AND SCANNER CONTROL OF IMPORTS FOR Côte d'Ivoire

1. Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) - Scanner control mandate

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO? : Yes No

MANDATE AUTHORISED BY: *Ministère du Commerce*
Ministère Délégué auprès du Premier Ministre, chargé de l'Economie et des Finances

APPLICABLE REGULATION(S): *Avis aux importateurs et exportateurs, N° 2007-002 dated 13th February 2007*
Circulaire N°1344/MDPMEF/DGD/ dated 13th February 2007
Direction Générale des Douanes

Arrêté interministériel N° 001 dated 19th February 2007

Note aux Importateurs / Bivac N° 003/2007

APPOINTED PSI COMPANY (IES): *BIVAC INTERNATIONAL- BIVAC SCAN CI*

SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES: *Not applicable*

SCOPE OF DUTIES: *Pre-shipment Inspection only*

- Quality, quantity*
- Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes)*
- Export market price (for Government information purposes)*
- Customs classification per item*
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1. Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) - Scanner control mandate (cont.)

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MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI AND /OR SCANNER CONTROL

*Pre-shipment inspection only (not containerized products only):
XOF 500,000 FOB*

Pre-shipment inspection and Scanner control: not applicable

Scanner only: not applicable

PART SHIPMENTS:

Subject to PSI and/or Scanner as per above values.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI:

All containerized products except those listed below:

- Food products (salt, milk and dairy products, juices and drinks, preserve and semi-preserved products, meat, frozen and deep frozen fish, rice and flour)
- Pharmaceutical products
- Electrical devices
- Roofing plates

EXEMPTIONS FROM SCANNER CONTROL: All products not containerized

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

P.I.O. NAME: Fiche de Renseignements d'Importation (FOB value higher than XOF 500,000)

ISSUED BY: *Ministère du Commerce*

VALIDITY: *FRI: 6 months*

AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED: 10% of the FOB value of the FRI

CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR: *Applicable*

DESTINATION INSPECTION: *Accepted further to acceptance from Ministère du Commerce*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS	<i>Compulsory in case of Pre-Shipment Inspection</i>
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	<i>Authorised as per description of goods in the FRI if submitted to PSI</i>
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	<i>See Section 8</i>
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	<i>Subject to Licence approval by the Ministère du Commerce</i>
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	<i>Tobacco, match boxes, printed fabrics, alcoholic beverages and meat and poultry imports are subject to specific labelling requirements; Other products as: fruit or vegetables juices and drinks, mineral salt, concentrated milk, sterilized milk and UHT sterilized milk, preserved and semi-preserved products, pharmaceutical products are also submitted to special labelling requirements.</i>
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	<i>Meat, cover plates, electrical devices, wheat flour and salt are subject to special requirements</i>

4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:	<i>Rapatriable commissions should be declared</i>
INSURANCE:	<i>Insurance coverage is compulsory in Côte d'Ivoire</i>
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	<i>No specific requirement</i>
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	<i>FOB per item, freight, ancillary charges and total value according to commercial contract Incoterms</i>

5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BIVAC INTERNATIONAL TO ISSUE REPORT:	<i>Final Invoice, Transport documents and packing list</i>
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:	<p><i>Certified Final Invoice</i></p> <p><i>Attestation de Vérification (AV)</i></p> <p><i>Avis de Résultat d'Inspection (ARI)</i></p> <p><i>Avis de Refus d'Attestation (ARA)</i></p> <p><i>Attestation de Vérification Documentaire (AVD)</i></p> <p><i>Attestation de Vérification Documentaire et Qualitative (AVQ)</i></p>
REPORT PURPOSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A Certified Final Invoice is supplied upon request to the seller/exporter for payment purposes</i> <i>An Attestation de Verification is supplied to the Importer and Customs authorities for Customs clearance purpose</i> <i>An Avis de Résultat d'Inspection is sent to the importer to gather transport documents further to inspection</i> <i>An Avis de Refus d' Attestation is supplied to the Importer and Customs Authorities in case of quality or quantity discrepancy.</i>

5. Reporting requirements (Cont.)

- An *Attestation de Vérification Documentaire* is supplied to the Importer and Customs Authorities in case of Scanner control (only) for Customs clearance purpose
- An *Attestation de Vérification Documentaire et Qualitative* is supplied to the Importer and Customs Authorities in case of Scanner control added to a pre-shipment inspection.

6. Inspection and Scanner control fees

Paid by the importer at the Ministry of Commerce while opening an FRI, and at BIVAC SCAN CI Liaison Office in case of containerized merchandise:

- At the Ministry of Commerce:

Case of PSI only: A fee of 0.75% of the FOB value of the Pro-Forma Invoice is paid, with a minimum fee of XOF 100,000

- At BIVAC SCAN CI Liaison Office

A « *Taxe de Sûreté* » is paid for each container

Container 20 feet: XOF 84,892

Container 40 feet: XOF 169,784 (2*84,892)

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.

8. List of sensitive products submitted to PSI

The following products imported in containers are submitted to PSI:

Food products (salt, milk and dairy products, juices and drinks, preserve and semi-preserved products, meat, frozen and deep frozen fish, rice and flour);

Pharmaceutical products;

Electrical devices;

Roofing plates.

7. List of goods exempted from PSI

- Containerized products except: food products (salt, milk and dairy products, juices and drinks, preserve and semi-preserved products, meat, frozen and deep frozen fish, rice and flour), pharmaceutical products, electrical devices, roofing plates.
- Imports with a FOB value equal or below XOF 500,000;
- 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;

7. List of goods exempted from PSI (Cont.)

- Current newspaper and periodicals, postal and fiscal stamps, stamped papers, bank notes and check books, passports;
- Used personal and household effects;
- Used vehicles;
- Personal gifts;
- Post parcels;
- Crude Oil;
- Commercial samples;
- Donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations to the government, to charities, to foundations and to philanthropic organizations recognized as being helpful towards the public;
- Imports for diplomatic entities and for United Nations organizations for their own use in Côte d'Ivoire;
- Goods imported on a non-commercial and non-repetitive basis, for a personal use and whose value does not exceed XOF 3,000,000.

8. List of prohibited goods

- Drugs, Narcotics;
- Weapons and war ammunition except collector's item;
- Pornographic publications;
- Hallucinogen products except those authorized by the Ministère de la Santé;
- Imports of meat, which are not meeting the national specifications;
- Asbestos and products containing asbestos (Ministerial decree No 96-682, dated September 4th 1996);
- Wheat flour which is not meeting the national standards;
Meat flour and bones from ruminants are forbidden for import in Côte d'Ivoire (Custom codes 02.10.90.90.99 and 05.06.90.00.00);
- Counterfeit goods;
- Toxic wastes.

9. List of restricted goods

Restricted goods are subject to licence approval from the Ministry of Commerce.

10. Other relevant information

None

11. Geographical inspection zones

Worldwide

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating Pre-shipment Inspection and does not relieve Exporters or Importers from their obligations in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. Although every effort has been made to ensure the correctness of the information, as at the date of issuance of this data sheet, BIVAC International does not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions and, furthermore, the information may subsequently be subject to change as may be announced by the Authorities in the country of importation. Consequently, Exporters are advised to check with Bureau Veritas/BIVAC, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Clean Report of Findings.