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Note from the Secretariat¹

Revision

At its meeting of 12 and 25 November and 17 December 1999, the Committee on Customs Valuation agreed that the Secretariat would prepare, in advance of regular meetings of the Committee, a document indicating the situation with regard to countries using preshipment inspection (PSI) regimes. This document is the fifth of this series. It presents the information that is compiled exceptionally for the WTO by the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA) Pre-Shipment Inspection Committee in response to a request by the WTO. The table below presents the information as at 21 January 2004.

COUNTRY	TYPE	MANDATED IFIA PSI MEMBERS	SPLIT
Angola	Customs	BIVAC	-
Bangladesh	Customs	BIVAC, BSI-, Inspectorate, Intertek	Geographical
Benin	Customs	BIVAC	-
Bolivia ²	Customs	BSI-Inspectorate, SGS	Importers Choice
Burkina Faso	Customs	SGS	-
Burundi	Forex/Customs	SGS, Baltic Control	Importers Choice
Cambodia	Customs	SGS	-
Cameroon	Customs	SGS	-
Central African Rep.	Customs	BIVAC	-
Chad	Customs	BIVAC	-
Comoros	Customs	Cotecna	-
Congo	Customs	BIVAC	-
Côte d'Ivoire	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna	Customs Regime ³
Dem. Rep. of Congo	Forex/Customs	SGS	-
Ecuador	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna, Intertek, SGS	Importers Choice
Ethiopia	Forex/Customs	SGS	-
Ghana ⁴	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna & others ⁵	Air & land- freight/sea-freight

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO

² Only covers certain products as per listing published by the Government.

³ "Customs regime" means verification by BIVAC for goods entered into direct consumption; Cotecna for goods entered for customs suspense regimes

⁴ PSI consists of valuation and classification by BIVAC and Cotecna. Physical inspection is carried out on arrival in Ghana by GSBV (for air and landfreight) or GSL (for seafreight) which are local joint ventures with BIVAC and COTECNA respectively.

⁵ "Others" means non Members of the IFIA PSI Committee also operating for Ghana, India, Indonesia and Iran.

COUNTRY	TYPE	MANDATED IFIA PSI MEMBERS	SPLIT
Guinea	Customs	SGS	-
Haiti	Customs	SGS	-
India ⁶	Quality/Quantity	BIVAC, BSI-Inspectorate, SGS & others	Importers Choice
Indonesia ⁷	Quality/Quantity/ Classification	Open to any surveyor licensed to operate in country of supply	Importers/exporters choice
Indonesia ⁸	Quality/Quantity/ Classification	SGS	-
Iran	Quality/Quantity	BIVAC, BSI-Inspectorate, Cotecna, Intertek, OMIC, OMIC, SGS, & others	Importers Choice
Iran ⁹	Customs	BIVAC, BSI-Inspectorate, Intertek, OMIC, SGS	-
Kenya	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna	Geographical
Liberia	Customs	BIVAC	-
Madagascar	Customs	SGS	-
Malawi	Forex/Customs	Intertek	-
Mauritania	Customs	SGS	-
Mali	Forex/Customs	Cotecna	-
Mexico ¹⁰	Customs	BIVAC, Intertek, SGS	Importers Choice
Mozambique	Customs	Intertek	-
Niger	Customs	Cotecna	-
Nigeria	Forex/Customs	Cotecna, Intertek, SGS	Geographical
Peru	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna, SGS	Importers Choice
Rwanda	Customs	Intertek	-
Senegal	Customs	Cotecna	-
Sierra Leone	Customs	BIVAC	-
Tanzania	Customs	Cotecna	-
Togo	Customs	Cotecna	-
Uzbekistan	Forex/Customs	Control Union Intl, Intertek, OMIC, SGS	Importers/exporters choice
Venezuela	Customs	BIVAC, Cotecna, Interec, SGS	Importers choice
Zanzibar ¹¹	Forex	SGS	-

⁶ Only covers secondary steel.

⁷ Only covers waste and used equipment.

⁸ Only covers nitrocellulose, steel, and textiles.

⁹ Voluntary programme at importers' discretion (for trade facilitation): may be undertaken simultaneously with the quality/quantity programme.

¹⁰ Only covers goods of certain categories and origins published in Article 10 of the "Agreement on Automatic Imported Advice" are subject to PSI if their unit value is inferior to estimated prices published by the Government.

¹¹ Only covers certain imports at the discretion of the Government.