

## PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR GUINEA

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

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO?:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
MANDATE AUTHORISED BY:	<i>Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et du Plan.</i>	
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S):	<i>Contract signed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and its appendices.</i>	
APPOINTED PSI COMPANY (IES):	<i>BIVAC International / Bureau Veritas Group</i>	
SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES:	<i>Not applicable.</i>	
SCOPE OF DUTIES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Quality, Quantity</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Export market price (for Government information purposes)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Customs classification per item</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Value for Customs purposes</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Assessment of import duties and taxes</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Import eligibility</i>	
MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI:	<i>USD 1,100 (one-thousand-and-one-hundred US Dollars).</i>	
PART SHIPMENTS:	<i>Subject to PSI if total shipment value equals or exceeds USD 1,100 FOB.</i>	
EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI:	<i>See Section 7.</i>	

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

P.I.O. NAME:	<i>Fiche de Demande d'Inspection (FDI) to be opened for all imports liable to PSI or not.</i>
ISSUED BY:	<i>Guinean Authorities.</i>
VALIDITY:	<i>6 (six) months – may be renewed once for 3 (three months).</i>
AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR:	<i>No specific requirement.</i>
DESTINATION INSPECTION:	<i>Not applicable.</i>

### 3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

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

**OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** *In the case of colouring agents, paints, insecticides and chemical treatments, complex chemical products, cosmetics, wines other than loose, spirits and other similar products, lots numbers, expiry dates have to be checked as well as the good condition of the packing. For pharmaceuticals, manufacturing date and expiry date have to be checked.*

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

**BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:** *No specific requirement.*  
**INSURANCE:** *No specific requirement.*  
**FINANCIAL INTEREST:** *No specific requirement.*  
**FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:** *FOB value per item + freight + insurance + ancillary charges (where applicable).*

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#### 5. Reporting requirements

**FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT:** *Final invoice (compulsory), and if deemed necessary by BIVAC, packing list, certificate of origin, test certificates when necessary..*  
**TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:** *Attestation de Vérification (AV), Avis de Refus d'Attestation (ARA), Certification of final invoice when required.*  
**REPORT PURPOSE:**

- *The AV is issued for the use of Customs Authorities and Importer for clearing the goods.*
- *The ARA is issued for inconsistencies including quantity, eligibility and/or quality and when final documents are not received within 2 (two) months following inspection date.*
- *A certified final invoice is given to the exporter in case of L/C transaction or upon request.*

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#### 6. Inspection fees

*Paid by the importer when opening the FDI (Fiche de Demande d'Inspection).*

*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

- *Goods with a total FOB value under USD 1,100;*
  - *Precious metals, precious stones;*
  - *Objects of art;*
  - *Explosives and pyrotechnic products;*
  - *Ammunitions and weapons;*
  - *Live animals;*
  - *Scrap metals;*
  - *Current newspapers and periodicals;*
  - *Personal effects and domestic used items, including one used vehicle in case of move attested by the Authority of the previous address;*
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**7. List of goods exempted from PSI (cont.)**

- *Commercial samples;*
- *Gifts from foreign governments or international organisations to the State, to recording studios and libraries, religious missions, foundations, charity organisations, philanthropic organisations identified as being of public utility by the Government of Guinea;*
- *Gifts and supplies to diplomatic and consular missions or organisations depending on the United Nations Organisations imported for their own use in Guinea;*
- *Perishable consumer foods shipped at ambient temperature or refrigerated;*
- *Cinematographic films for public projection – exposed and developed;*
- *Plants and fresh cut flowers or artificial;*
- *Used tyres;*
- *Goods totally exonerated of duties and taxes.*

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**8. List of prohibited goods**

*No specific requirement.*

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**9. List of restricted goods**

*No specific requirement.*

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**10. Other relevant information**

*Not applicable.*

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**11. Geographical inspection zones**

*World-wide.*

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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.