

SOMALIA REGULATIONS



- Pre-Shipment Inspection
- Prohibited Imports



SOMALIA >> Regulation Overview

Waiver Control

- Not required

CMA CGM trained staff members are available to assist customers in all aspects of the documentary requirements of the trade to Somalia. Please contact your local agency office for advice.

Pre-Shipment Inspection

Somalia requires that Pre-Shipment Inspection [PSI] is carried out for all imports into the country. This exercise is undertaken in the port of load country for the purpose of Customs clearance of the goods. PSI is mandated by the Ministry of Trade & Industry.

PSI is managed by Bureau Veritas/BIVAC

Minimum Value for PSI

No minimum value

Part Shipments

No specific requirement

Documents Required

- Final invoice
- Certificate of origin / analysis / sanitary, for sensitive products (drugs medicines, foodstuff...),
- Packing list, price list etc. where deemed necessary

List Of Goods Exempted From PSI

- 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
- Current newspaper and periodicals, postal and fiscal stamps, stamped papers, bank notes and check books, passports
- Used personal and household effects
- Personal gifts
- Post parcels
- Crude Oil
- Commercial samples
- Donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations to the government
- Imports for diplomatic entities and for United Nations organizations for their own use.

Prohibited Imports

- Counterfeits, misleading marks
- Drugs, Narcotics
- Weapons and war ammunition
- Pornographic publications
- Asbestos and products containing asbestos
- Counterfeit goods

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- Toxic waste
- Foodstuff with insufficient shelf life.

Restricted Imports

- None



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- Weapons and war ammunition;
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CONTACTS

See separate Contacts Sheet (per main Importing Countries)



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PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION SERVICES SOMALIA

Guidelines to Exporters

By contract dated August 20th, 2013, The Ministry of Trade and Industry, on behalf of the Federal Government of Somali Republic appointed BIVAC BV as Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) provider for Somalia. Starting of operations is January 1st, 2014.

The Pre-shipment Inspection Services are intended to facilitate international trade and contribute to the economic development of the country.

Since its creation, BIVAC International has provided Pre-shipment Inspection services to countries on every continent. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bureau Veritas, one of the world's leading independent control and inspection groups.

Bureau Veritas is one of the most widely represented Conformity Assessment companies in the world. This worldwide coverage is provided by 1,330 offices and laboratories, located in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 59,000.

Services provided by BIVAC / GSIT Division of Bureau Veritas Group are designed to:

- Facilitate transparency in trading activities;
- Ensure that goods meet current regulations and standards;
- Provide Authorities with effective means of overseeing and controlling foreign trade and protect revenues.



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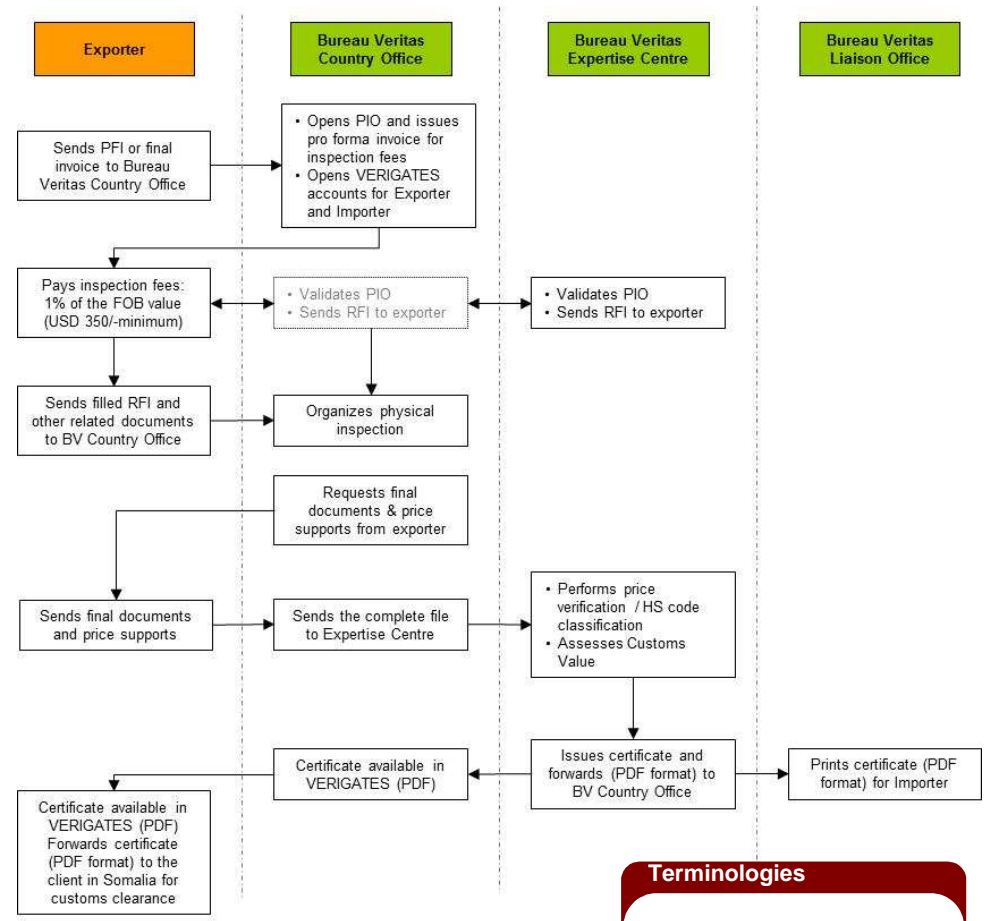


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PROCEDURE

FLOW CHART – Pre-Shipment Inspection Work Flow (for exporters)



Note:
 ✓ No minimum value subject to PSI
 ✓ Refer datasheet for more details.
 ✓ Exporter is recommended not to ship the cargo, till CRF is issued.

Terminologies

BVCO: Bureau Veritas Country Office
 PFI: Pro forma invoice
 RFI: Request for inspection
 PIO: Pre-Shipment Inspection Order
 HS: Harmonized System

All goods except those exempted or prohibited have to be inspected before shipment; there is not threshold value for goods to be inspected.

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The importer informs the exporter that:

- BIVAC BV - Bureau Veritas Group has been appointed by the Government of Somalia as **Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency** to perform inspection services for goods to be shipped to Somalia.
- Inspections have to be performed in **all exporting countries**.

COUNTRY OF EXPORTER

The Exporter gets in touch with the Bureau Veritas Country Office (BVCO) to **open a Pre-Shipment Inspection order (PIO)**. **Accounts are opened in VERIGATES**, for Exporter and Importer, as well.

Upon registration of the Inspection Order, **inspection fees** have to be paid by the Exporter to Bureau Veritas BIVAC BV: one per cent (1 %) of the FOB value of the goods as per pro forma invoice, with a minimum fee of USD 350.

Upon payment of the inspection fees, the PIO is validated. A Request for Inspection (RFI) is sent to the exporter to agree on the location and the date when the goods are be available for inspection.

To ensure a timely inspection, it is important that the Exporter replies quickly to BVCO.

An inspector **physically checks the goods** to ensure that the description corresponds to the details on the Inspection Order and the pro forma invoice.

The inspectors are specialists who make their checks in the presence of the seller.

Bureau Veritas **Expertise Centre**:

- Uses inspectors' reports to determine the correct **Customs Classification** code for goods which have been physically inspected.
- Performs a final **price analysis** on the basis of the final commercial invoice presented by the seller.
- Assesses the **value for duty purposes** in accordance with the Customs regulations of Somalia.

If the quantity, quality, specification and price are found to conform, or have been corrected in the case of discrepancy, the Expertise Centre issues a **Clean Report of Findings (CRF)**.

Should irregularities/discrepancies not be corrected by the Exporter, a Discrepancy Report (DR) is issued.

The electronic secured **Clean Report of Findings (CRF)** is available in **VERIGATES**. One copy if sent to the Importer for customs clearance purposes.

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The Importer receives directly from the Exporter the electronic secured Clean Report of Findings (CRF) under the form of a PDF document, for **Customs clearance** purposes.

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR SOMALIA

1. Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI)

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO?: Yes No,
but price verification / assessment
to be done by BV according to the
1994 GATT rules

MANDATE AUTHORISED BY: *Ministry of Trade and Industry – Federal Government of Somalia
(August 2013)*

APPLICABLE REGULATION(S): *Not available yet*

APPOINTED PSI COMPANY (IES): *BUREAU VERITAS INSPECTION VALUATION ASSESSMENT AND
CONTROL – BIVAC BV*

SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES: *N/A*

SCOPE OF DUTIES: *Quality, Quantity*
 Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes)
 Export market price (for Government information purposes)
 Customs classification per item
 Value for Customs purposes

MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI: *No minimum value*

PART SHIPMENTS: *No specific requirement*

EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI: *See section 7*

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

P.I.O. NAME: *PIO*

ISSUED BY: *Bureau Veritas Country Office (upon application of the exporter)*

VALIDITY: *No specific requirement*

AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE
MAY BE EXCEEDED: *No specific requirement*

CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR: *No specific requirement*

DESTINATION INSPECTION: *No*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS: *YES*

SECOND-HAND GOODS: *No specific requirement*

PROHIBITED IMPORTS: *See Section 8*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions (Cont'ed)

RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	See Section 9
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	For drug, food and perishable items, the date of manufacturing or production and the expiry date must appear on the packing.
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	No specific requirement

4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:	To be reported
INSURANCE:	No specific requirement
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	No specific requirement
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	Split FOB / Freight / Insurance

5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY
BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT:

- Final invoice,
- Certificate of origin / analysis / sanitary, for sensitive products (drugs medicines, foodstuff...),
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TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED: *Electronic certificate (PDF format with security number).*

- CRF (Clean Report of findings), where the physical and documentary inspections are "satisfactory"
- DR (Discrepancy Report), where discrepancies remain uncorrected

REPORT PURPOSE:

- Exporter (electronic certificate is available on VERIGATES)
- Customs (access to the VERIGATES + periodic reports)
- Importer (via the exporter): compulsory for CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

6. Inspection fees

1% of the FOB value for which an inspection has been demanded, with a USD 350 minimum fee per inspection + control testing fee, if applicable.

Paid by the EXPORTER to Bureau Veritas BIVAC BV whenever an application for pre-shipment inspection is made.

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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9. List of restricted goods

N/A

10. Other relevant information

N/A

11. Geographical inspection zones

All countries (in the country of export)

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