

INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Verification of Conformity (VOC) Programme

1. VOC mandate

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO: Yes No

APPLICABLE REGULATION(S): *Ministerial Resolution Nr 6386 dated on 21.06.1425H*

APPOINTED COMPANY (IES): *Certificates shall be issued by companies recognized by the government in the country of export (such as BUREAU VERITAS (BV))*

SCOPE OF DUTIES: *Quality, Quantity (Verification of conformity to SASO standards)*
 Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes)
 Export market price (for Government information purposes)
 Customs classification per item
 Value for Customs purposes
 Assessment of import duties and taxes
 Import eligibility

PART SHIPMENTS: *Allowed.*

PRODUCTS FOR VOC: *All products except those in the banned list and exempted List. See Section 7 and 8.*

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

I.O. NAME: *Inspection Order (I.O.).*

ISSUED BY: *Importers or Exporters send to BV Regional Centre, or BV country Physical Inspection Centre.*

VALIDITY: *N/A*

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

CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR: *N/A*

DESTINATION INSPECTION: *Not possible*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L. CONTAINERS *Optional*

PROHIBITED IMPORTS: *See Section 8*

RESTRICTED IMPORTS: *See Section 9*

LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:

- *According to applicable standard in Saudi Arabia*
- *Country of origin*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions (cont'd)

OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: *Verification of conformity with standards and issuance of corresponding certificate;*
Documentary review (existing test reports, certificates, ...)
Laboratory testing when needed;
Physical pre-shipment inspection in the country of supply prior to shipment.

4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

N/A

5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY
BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT: *Test Report and certificates*

TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED: **Certificate of Conformity (CoC)**

REPORT PURPOSES: *Customs clearance*

6. Inspection fees

Inspections are paid by the Exporters directly to Bureau Veritas/BIVAC Office handling the file.

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

7. List of goods subject to VOC

All products except those in the exempted products as following:

- *Products subject to the Kingdom's sanitary and phytosanitary regulations such as animals, seeds, vegetables, fruits, meat, food...,*
- *Products for which documentation has been provided for purposes of assuring conformity to Islamic religious requirements (rulings of Islamic Shari'a),*
- *Medical products (medical devices, medicines...)*
- *Military related products.*

8. List of prohibited goods

- *Counterfeits;*
- *Swine (pork) and products thereof, Dogs, Frog meat;*
- *Narcotics;*
- *Raw natural organic fertilizer (made from Animal or vegetable);*
- *Goro nuts (kind of Kola/cola nut);*
- *Alcoholic beverages (wine, beer and any other beverages that includes alcohol);*
- *All foodstuff containing animal blood in their manufacturing;*
- *Mummified animals;*

8. List of prohibited goods (cont'ed)

- *Drink having description of Zamzam (Zamzam is a holy well located in Saudi Arabia);*
- *Betel;*
- *Tobacco snuff – Tobacco "sawika";*
- *Publicity material for cigarettes of any kind;*
- *Asbestos and products thereof;*
- *Sarin toxic gas;*
- *Industrial waste and hazardous refuse;*
- *Fireworks of the kind used by children;*
- *Remote control airplanes and parts thereof;*
- *Two, three and four wheeler children's motor cycles or vehicles;*
- *Noise-making pistols and guns, and toy pistols similar in shape to real pistols;*
- *The Holy Koran;*
- *Saudi Arabian stamps;*
- *Greeting cards with electric circuit (with music, lights...);*
- *Coupons of Hadi (paper document referring to sacrificial animals - sacrifice offered during Hajj), – Sheep, camel, cow...;*
- *Blank invoices of foreign companies abroad;*
- *Alerting apparatus (such as bells, sirens, burglar or fire alarms...) releasing sounds of police car sirens or of some animals;*
- *Security car radar detection equipments;*
- *Satellite internet receiver;*
- *All types of machines, equipment and tools for gambling or games of chance;*
- *Kuwait and Iraq war leftover equipment and machinery;*
- *Products polluted by radiation or nuclear dust;*
- *Used and retreated tyres;*
- *Damaged vehicles, and right-hand drive vehicles;*
- *Binoculars in which electric circuit is used and it directly projects red light on the target;*
- *Revolvers and pistols in the shape of mobile phones, lighters, pagers, pens or other pistols.*

9. List of restricted goods

N/A.

10. Other relevant information

Registration/Licensing/Full licensing are options offered for regular importer/exporter to Saudi Arabia. These procedures reduce the document verification and/or inspection of shipment and speed up the issuance of CoC.

The documents and system in place to ensure conformity to Saudi requirements are preliminary reviewed (test report, certificate, results of testing, inspection, conformity procedure ...).

11. Geographical inspection zones

World-wide.

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