

THE THRESHOLD VALUE

All goods, except those listed below are exempted from inspection, with a FOB value equal to or above FCFA 500,000 are subject to pre-shipment inspection.

Full Container Load (FCL) containers are subject to inspection what ever the value of the goods is.

RESTRICTED GOODS

Imports of sugar are subject to quotas. Specific measures are described in Arrêté no. 03.08 dated November 5th, 2003.

PAYMENT OF FEES

You (the importer) have to fill-in a demande de Déclaration d'Importation Commerciale (DIC) and to go to the CBCA Bank with the corresponding pro forma invoice in order to pay the import taxes.

For the DICs subject to inspection, fees amount to 1 % (taxes excluded) of the FOB value of the goods, with a minimum of FCFA 140,000 FCFA (taxes excluded).

To the above mentioned fees, 19 % (for added value taxes) must be added. Any amount already paid is not reimbursable.

GOODS EXEMPTED FROM INSPECTION

- Precious stones;
- Precious metals;
- Objects of art;
- Ammunitions and arms other than for hunting and/or sport, similar materials and equipment imported by Army itself;
- Live animals;
- Cinematographic films, exposed and developed;
- Current newspapers and periodicals;
- Parcel post;
- Goods imported for which the FOB value is below FCFA 500,000;
- Medicines;
- Imports for United Nations Organisations, for their own use.

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Pre-shipment Inspection Services CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Guide to Economic Operators

BIVAC International was nominated by the Government of the Central African Republic as the exclusive Pre-shipment Agency to provide pre-shipment inspection services as of November 17th, 2003.

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

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

BIVAC International is part of the Bureau Veritas GSIT (Government Services & International Trade) Division specialised in international trade facilitation, customs valuation and inspection of goods.

By performing missions such as pre-shipment inspections of goods for Customs, BIVAC provides client countries with the level of assurance they require concerning the valuation, classification and quality/quantity of goods.

Bureau Veritas, created in 1828 is one of the most widely represented company in the world. This world-wide coverage is provided by more than 900 offices and laboratories in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 40 000.

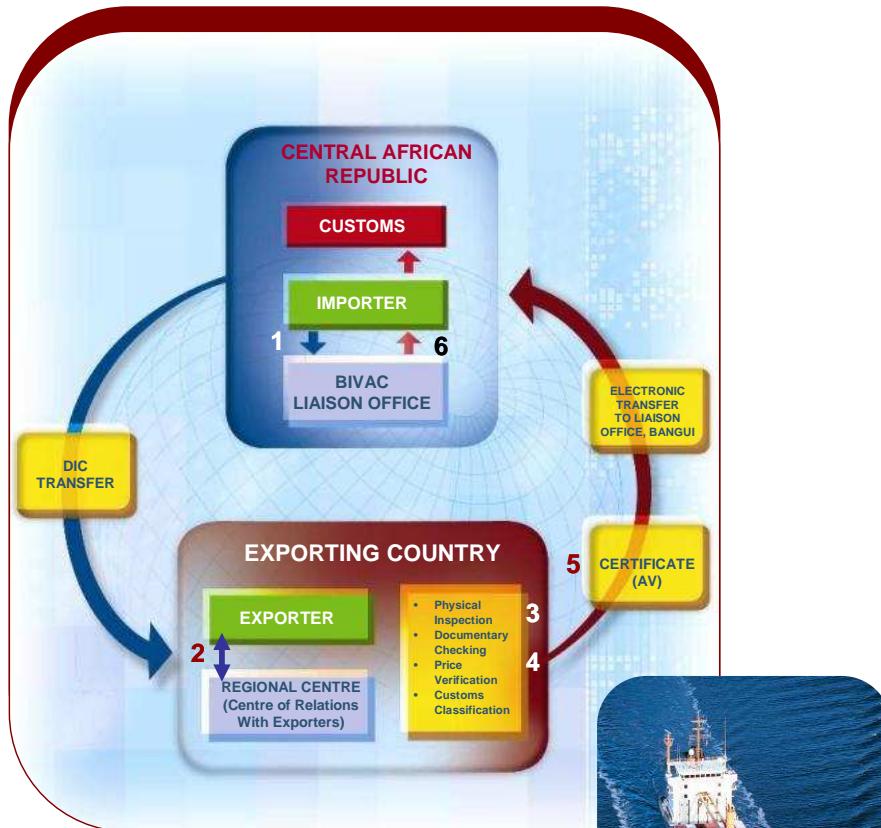


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PROCEDURE

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GLOSSARY

DIC : Déclaration d'Importation Commerciale
 AV : Attestation de Vérification
 LO : Liaison Office
 RC: Regional Centre

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1. Import Document = Déclaration d'Importation Commerciale (DIC)

The importer completes a Demande de Déclaration d'Importation Commerciale; then goes to the CBCA Bank with the corresponding pro forma invoice in order to pay import taxes (Import has to be registered at the Commercial Bank of the importer as well).

The DIC duly completed by the CBCA Bank is then lodged at BIVAC Liaison Office, together with the original of the Bank receipt and one copy of the pro forma invoice.

The DIC data are registered and electronically transmitted to the Bureau Veritas / BIVAC Regional Centre (Centre of Relations with Exporters) concerned.

EXPORTING COUNTRY

2. Contact with exporter

Bureau Veritas / BIVAC Regional Centre gets in touch with the exporter to request the details and technical characteristics of the goods, plus one copy of the exporter's pro forma invoice. The location is ascertained and a date is proposed for physical inspection.

3. Physical inspection

Bureau Veritas / BIVAC inspector performs the physical inspection of the goods in order to make sure that they are in conformity with the details of the pro forma invoice and the DIC. The physical inspection is performed in the presence of the exporter's representative who countersigns the inspection report.

When non conformities are detected, the supplier is informed accordingly. The supplier is required to take all necessary measures for corrective actions so that Bureau Veritas / BIVAC inspector can issue a "satisfactory" report.

All FCL (Full Container Load) containers have to be sealed by Bureau Veritas / BIVAC inspector; the corresponding number of the seal will be registered and recorded on the Attestation de Vérification (AV).

4. Documentary Checking / Price Verification / Customs classification

Bureau Veritas / BIVAC experts in the Regional Centre perform the final price analysis on the basis of the final invoice supplied by the exporter.

Bureau Veritas / BIVAC experts in the Regional Centre assess the customs classification of the goods in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable in Central African Republic.

5. Attestation de Vérification (AV)

When the inspection of the quality, the quantity, the classification and the price of the inspected goods are satisfactory, or after corrective actions in case of anomalies, the Regional Centre issues an Attestation de Vérification (AV).

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6. Delivery of the Attestation de Vérification (AV)

The data of the AV are electronically transmitted by the Regional Centre to the Liaison Office in Bangui. The AV is given to the importer who needs it for the clearance of the goods.

Nota: for a land shipment (transit through a CEMAC country), the importer has to supply the Liaison Office with the D15 document together with the Road Waybill before the AV can be issued.

