



Introduction

Intertek Government and Trade Services working in conjunction with their partner, Haajara Business Link, have been solely appointed by the Government of Somalia to carry out pre-shipment inspection (PSI) on all imports except those indicated in the table at the end of these Guidelines.

The scope of the programme includes physical inspection in the country of export to establish compliance with the order specification and assessment of price, customs classification and import duties payable.

Importers are required to complete an Inspection Order (IO) for all imports subject to pre-shipment inspection. Upon receipt of the IO from the Importer, Intertek will contact the Exporter and arrange inspection in the country of supply through their network of overseas offices. Upon satisfactory findings, Intertek will issue a Clean Report of Findings (CRF) to the Importer.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Imports are subject to Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI)?

PSI is mandatory for all goods except for those listed in the table at the end of these Guidelines. The parameters of this programme are set by the Ministry of Finance in Somalia working together with Intertek. Consequently, this list is subject to change over time and traders are advised to keep up to date with the latest list. Where a proforma invoice contains both exempt and subject goods, all the goods will be inspected by Intertek and a corresponding CRF will be issued.

What do I have to do?

The **Importer** will complete an Inspection Order (IO) Form and present it to our Liaison Office in Somalia. The Intertek office assigned to you for the country of export will then send a Notification Letter (NL) to the **Exporter**. The Exporter should reply promptly to this letter providing the following information: The file Reference No; Desired date and location of inspection (providing a minimum of 3 working days' notice); Whether the goods are being shipped by Full Container Load (FCL); Pricing/Valuation Information as requested; full details of the goods to be inspected; Any relevant Test Certificates or Certificates of Analysis.

Should the goods be packed prior to inspection?

Goods should be presented along with the packaging to be used. Where packaging must be opened, the inspector will observe the re-packaging. Where goods are shipped FCL the goods are to be presented at the time and place of loading in order that the Inspector may perform inspection, take photographs, witness stuffing and perform sealing. The **Exporter** or **Exporter's Agent** will be required to countersign the Inspector's report acknowledging the result.

What is Customs Classification?

Intertek are required to determine the correct customs tariff code in accordance with the Authorised Customs Tariff book to establish the rate of duty payable upon importation.

What is Customs Valuation?

The customs valuation or price verification undertaken by Intertek seeks to determine whether the price being charged by the Seller, as declared to us in the pro-forma invoice, corresponds within reasonable limits with export prices generally prevailing in the country of supply. Where the **Exporter** does not present freight and insurance charges to the IO (Intertek Issuing Office), Intertek will assess values for

customs valuation purposes only. Where our customs valuation/ price verification indicates that the proforma prices are significantly below the reasonable limit for export prices prevailing in the country of supply, the **Exporter** will be contacted and given an opportunity to comment. Our assessment of the export market price will only be amended if the **Exporter** can provide us with written information enabling us to change our opinion. Price data and all related information supplied to Intertek is held in the strictest confidence.

What documents do you require?

The **Exporter** must provide a clean final invoice, with the following information: Invoice number and date of issuance; Names of the Importer and Exporter, as per the proforma invoice; detailed quantity and description of goods; All unit prices and extensions; total price and applicable Incoterms (eg FOB etc); the gross and net weights of the consignment; any shipping marks. Final invoices must show separate values for FOB, Freight, Insurance and other charges Note: Final invoices that show a price adjustment arising from fluctuating exchange rates cannot be accepted unless expressly allowed for under the terms and conditions of the proforma invoice. Faxed documents are acceptable.

It is in the best interest of both Importer and Exporter that a copy of the Exporter's Final Invoice is submitted at the earliest possible opportunity. We would recommend that you include it with your initial response to our Notification letter.

The certificate will be issued to the importer within three working days of the receipt of the Exporter's correct and acceptable Final invoice

What happens if goods are shipped without inspection?

If goods subject to the programme arrive in Somalia without inspection, then the importer will have to submit to our Liaison Office in Mogadishu, a request for a destination inspection, pay for the full costs of PSI and will incur an additional penalty of 10% of the assessed FOB value of the goods. a 20% penalty will be charged for repeat offenders.

What happens if I fail to present final documents?

Failure to do so within 3 working days of inspection may result in the issuance of a Non-Negotiable Report of Findings (NNRF) and delay in Customs Clearance upon arrival.

**Goods Exempt from Pre-shipment Inspection**

1. Aids and grants in kind
2. Arms and ammunition: parts and accessories imported by Government and intended for military or paramilitary use
3. Commercial samples
4. Live animals, fruit, vegetables, eggs and fresh, chilled or frozen fish and meat (Tariff Chapter Headings 1, 2, 3, 04, 07, and 8)
5. Goods with an FOB value not exceeding USD1,000. Partial shipments covering goods having a value below the threshold value, nevertheless shall be subject to intervention by Intertek if the total value of goods under the contract covering such shipments is equal or superior to such amount.
6. Newspapers and periodicals (Tariff Chapter Heading 49.02)
7. Precious metals, precious and semi-precious stones (Tariff Chapter Headings 71.01, 71.02, 71.03, 71.04, 71.05, 71.06, 71.07, 71.08, 71.09, 71.10, 71.11, and 71.12)
8. Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques (Tariff Chapter Heading 97)
9. Goods by courier and parcel post
10. Goods carried by hand

PROHIBITED GOODS

1. Counterfeits, mis-leading marks;
2. Drugs, Narcotics;
3. Weapons and war ammunition;
4. Pornographic publications;
5. Asbestos and products containing asbestos;
6. Counterfeit goods
7. Toxic wastes
8. Alcoholic Drinks
9. Products containing Pork
10. Foodstuff with insufficient shelf life
11. Any other goods as declared by the Federal Republic of Somalia



Inspection Fees

Inspection fees will be paid by the exporter to Intertek whenever an application for pre-shipment inspection is made. The inspection fee will equal one per cent (1.0%) of the FOB value. The minimum fee of USD 250 will apply to low value shipments.

In the event of a supplementary inspection visit (following an unsatisfactory result) Intertek may invoice the Seller. The costs incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, testing, sample, repacking, etc., are for the account of the Seller.

Final Notes for Exporters

- 1 If the information in these Guidelines does not provide an answer to questions that arise in relation to a specific order, please contact your nearest Intertek Office where trained Intertek personnel will be happy to assist.
- 2 Intertek is a founder member of the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA) and the Intertek Government and Trade Services programme for Somalia is carried out in conformity with the (IFIA) code of practice.
- 3 Intertek also carries out its work in accordance with the WTO agreement on Pre-shipment Inspection
- 4 Despite every effort being made by Intertek to facilitate the progress of all orders which require an inspection, an Exporter may occasionally experience a problem. Intertek has an Internal Appeals Procedure as required by Article 2.21 of the Agreement on Pre-shipment Inspection of the Uruguay round of WTO/ GATT.
- 5 Exporters / Importers wishing to communicate with Intertek by electronic mail should take note of the following important message: Email is subject to the possibility of delays and of transmission failure. Systems designed to inform senders of transmission failure are themselves subject to the possibility of delay and may fail altogether. It follows that you should not assume that email transmission have been received in good order unless you are advised by Intertek that this is the case.
- 6 All work performed in accordance with Intertek's Terms and Conditions, a copy which is available from your nearest office or at our website given below.

Other Inspection Programmes operated by Intertek	
Country	Programme
Algeria	Conformity Assessment Programme
Bangladesh	Quality/Quantity Commercial Programme
Botswana	Standards Import Inspections Regulations Programme
Egypt	Conformity Assessment Programme
Ethiopia	Conformity Assessment Programme
Kenya	Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards Programme
Kuwait	Conformity Assessment Programme
Mexico	Certificate of Origin Programme, Price Valuation Programme
Mozambique	Pre-shipment Inspection Programme
Qatar	Conformity Assessment Programme
Nigeria	Conformity Assessment Programme (SONCAP)
Philippines	Bulk and Break Bulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Programme
Russia	Certification Programme
Saudi Arabia	Conformity Assessment Programme
Tanzania	Pre-Export Verification of Conformity to Standards Programme
Uganda	Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to Standards Programme
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