

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR ANGOLA

1. Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) Mandate

SCOPE OF DUTIES:

- *Quality, Quantity;*
- *Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes);*
- *Customs classification;*
- *Value for Customs purposes (based on Brussels definition of value);*
- *Assessment of Import Duty.*

MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI:

Goods imported by individuals:

- *USD 10,000 CIF (with the exceptions mentioned below).*

Goods imported by private companies:

- *USD 5,000 CIF;*
- *Orders less than USD 5,000 if goods are consolidated in a FCL or a LCL and, the total shipment value is equal or over USD 5,000 CIF.*

Irrespective of their CIF value, the following goods:

- *Light new and second-hand vehicles, vehicles for cargo and passengers, boats and other pleasure boats or vessels, sport vessel, or any other motor vehicles;*
- *Goods imported by Government Institutions or public entities;*
- *Scrap;*
- *Radio telephone, radio telegraph, radio transmission, television transmitters or receivers, save those imported by individuals, for their own use and not for gift, sale or exchange, within the limit of one unit by item within a two-year period, if importations are below USD 5,000 CIF within one-year period;*
- *Any other goods selected by Customs.*

PART SHIPMENTS:

- *Part shipments within a shipment are subject to PSI if the total order value is equal to or exceeds USD 5,000 CIF (for private companies) and USD 10,000 CIF (for individuals);*
- *Orders less than USD 5,000 CIF (for private companies) and USD 10,000 CIF (for individuals), are subject to PSI, if the total value of the orders consigned for the same importer, is over USD 5,000 and USD 10,000 within a quarter period. The importer will be fined for any infringement.*

EXEMPTION FROM PSI:

See chapter 7

2. Pre-Shipment Inspection Order (P.I.O.) The Instruction for BIVAC to Inspect

P.I.O. NAME: ISSUED BY:	<i>Pedido de Inspeção Pré-embarque (PIP) BIVAC Liaison Office upon importer's application through the Ministry of Commerce, who endorses exporter's pro-forma invoices.</i>
VALIDITY:	<i>6 months not renewable taken from the pro-forma invoice (PFI) endorsement date by the Ministry of Commerce + 30 days, where an inspection has taken place.</i>
AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED:	<i>10% of the CFR value. A new PFI is to be endorsed by the Ministry of Commerce for the remaining shipments, where the PIP value has been exceeded.</i>
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR: DESTINATION INSPECTION:	<i>To be approved by the importer. Allowed by Customs, but the importer will be fined for any infringement.</i>

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L. CONTAINERS:	<i>Required. Consolidated containers, if one exporter/one importer will also be sealed.</i>
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	<i>Motor companies are not allowed to import used motor vehicles. Individuals can import used cars regardless of age.</i>
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	<i>See chapter 8.</i>
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	<i>See chapter 9.</i>

4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:	<i>No restriction, but must be declared.</i>
INSURANCE:	<i>No restriction.</i>
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	<i>No restriction.</i>
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>FOB, freight and insurance charges (where applicable), detailed product description including product name, trademark, model, characteristics (where applicable). For motor vehicles, the description must include the trademark, model, year of manufacture, cylinder capacity and the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number);</i>▪ <i>Free of charge goods for Customs valuation purposes.</i>

5. Report requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BIVAC TO ISSUE REPORT:	<i>Final Commercial invoice and transport document (AWB/Bill of Landing etc.) plus any other specific documents that may be requested from exporters like sanitary certificate, analysis certificate, packing list (for consolidated containers), certificate of origin etc.</i>
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:	<i>Atestado de Verificação/Atestado de Não Conformidade.</i>

REPORT PURPOSE:

- A label secured by an hologram is stuck on the exporter's final invoice for payment purposes (L/C) or for his own use upon request;
- A Clean Report of Findings (Atestado de Verificação) is needed by the importer to clear his goods from Customs;
- A Non Negotiable Inspection Report (Atestado de Não Conformidade) is issued to the exporter/importer if:
 - a. Inspection reveals non compliance and discrepancies are not corrected, or
 - b. Complete final documentation is not delivered by the exporter.

Within 30 days following the date of inspection. The NNRF can be replaced by a CRF if the exporter finally corrects the discrepancies in physical inspection and/or delivers the final documentation.

6. Inspection fees

Paid by the Government of the Republic of Angola. Nevertheless, BIVAC may invoice the Seller in the event of supplementary inspection visits (in vain or unsatisfactory results). The cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, testing, sampling, repacking... are for the account of the Seller.

7. List of goods exempted from PSI

- Importations less than USD 5,000 CIF (for private companies) and USD 10,000 CIF (for individuals), save the exemptions mentioned in section 1;
- Importations below USD 5,000 CIF and limited to one unit within a two-year period, of radio telephone, radio telegraph, radio transmission, television transmitters or receivers, by private individuals when the goods are for their own use and not for gift, sale or exchange;
- Importations below USD 5,000 CIF of spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles, motorcycles, yachts and boat, that are privately owned by individuals and private companies;
- Precious metals and precious stones;
- Object of art and Antiques;
- Arms and ammunition intended to forces of defence, security and internal order;
- Explosives and pyrotechnic artefacts;
- Cinematographic films;
- Live animals;
- Newspaper and periodic publications;
- Bank notes cheque books;
- Forms and stamped papers;
- Accompanied luggage¹ defined by law;
- Parcel post and commercial samples;
- Donations made by foreign governments or by non-government, charity, or public utility organisations;
- Emergency aid;
- Donations and supplies to diplomatic and consular missions and agencies depending on the United Nation Organisation, provided they are for their own use;
- Crude oil, its derivatives and containers/receptacles;
- Spare parts for airplanes;

¹ DEFINITION OF ACCOMPANIED LUGGAGE – a set of personal goods, based on used and new passenger's, crews, or other people's, traveler's stuffs in reasonable quantities for personal use of the traveler, during the trip and stay taking in consideration all circumstances, and based on a period less than 180 days, excluding all imported/exported items for commercial purposes.

- *Technical equipment and material imported by oil companies, lawfully established in the Republic of Angola, provided they are intended for prospection, laboratory research or to produce oil and natural gas, excluding motor vehicles, foodstuff, computer equipment and office materials.*
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8. List of prohibited goods

- *Animals and by-products originated from areas affected by epizootic diseases;*
 - *Distilled beverages containing essences or recognised harmful products as absinthe, ether derived products;*
 - *Crates containing various types of merchandise and showing a single marking, not present with a declaration stipulating the quantity and total weight of crates/packs;*
 - *Counterfeit coffee;*
 - *Counterfeit stamps;*
 - *Counterfeit literature and artistic work;*
 - *Medicines and other generic substances harmful to public health;*
 - *Pornographic publications and other deriver products;*
 - *Plants coming fro areas affected by phylloxera or other epiphytic disease;*
 - *Roulette and other gambling machines prohibited by law;*
 - *Poultry meat of any kind, eggs and by-products originated by Portugal;*
 - *Food containing saccharine.*
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9. List of restricted goods

- *Instruments to distil spirits cannot be imported without authorisation from the cabinet;*
 - *Denatured pure alcohol;*
 - *Animals and by-products cannot be imported without authorisation from the veterinary entities;*
 - *Radio transmitters, receivers and other devices cannot be imported without authorisation from the National Post Authorities;*
 - *Weapons and ammunitions cannot be imported without authorisation from the Ministry of Interior;*
 - *Dogs must be immunised against hydrophobia;*
 - *Cards game have to be sealed as per the related regulation enforced;*
 - *Pharmaceuticals substances cannot be imported without authorisation from the Health Ministry;*
 - *Fireworks and explosives cannot be imported without the authorisation from the Ministry of Interior;*
 - *Explosives intended to the Mining Industry;*
 - *Medicines which containers do not mention active agents, cannot be imported without authorisation from the Health Ministry;*
 - *Cigarettes paper, and other material used in cigarettes filters, can be imported only by license holders;*
 - *Plants, roots, tubercle, bulbs, germs, buds, fruits, seeds and crates/other packages containing these products, cannot be imported without a license established by the Ministry of Agriculture;*
 - *Saccharine and derived products cannot be imported without authorisation from the Health Ministry;*
 - *Stamps, fiscal or postal, can be imported exclusively by the Angolan State;*
 - *Poisonous and toxic substances, drugs, cannot be imported without authorisation from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Health Ministry;*
 - *Motor companies are not allowed to import used motor vehicles. Only individuals are, regardless of the age of the vehicle.*
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10. Geographical Inspection Zone

Worldwide