CONGO DATASHEET FOR EXPORTERS

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1. PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION (PSI) MANDATE

PSI MANDATED BY :	Ministry of Finance
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S) :	Presidential Decree N° 99 – 167 dated of 23 August 1999: compulsory PSI in Republic of Congo Contract n° 009-2006/PR/AO/DGGT signed the 22th of March 2006 Presidential Decree n° 2006 – 268 signed the 10th of July 2006 Ministerial Arrêté n°4966/MEFB-CAB signed the 13th of July 2006 Custom Note n°293/MEFB/DGDDI signed the 17th of July 2006, fixed the official beginning of our operations the 20th of July 2006. Addendum n° 1 (29th of June 2009) of the Contract
APPOINTED PSI COMPANY :	Cotecna Inspection S.A.
SELECTION OF PSI COMPANY:	N/A
SCOPE OF PSI :	- Quality and quantity - Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes) - Value for customs purposes - Customs classification - Import eligibility
MINIMUM ORDER VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI :	XAF 3'000'000 FOB.
PARTIAL SHIPMENTS :	Subject to PSI if total order value exceeds XAF 3'000'000 FOB. However, these partial shipments will be subject only **to Price Analysis** (*) **and documentary verification** (noPhysical Inspection).

(*) Nevertheless, this instruction does not apply for the following goods for which the physical inspection is still mandatory irrespective of the value of the partial shipment: salt, rice, Electrical Batteries, Cigarettes, match boxes, Hydrocarbon products, Second Hand goods, all products having shelf life (particularly foodstuff) and sensitive goods.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI: (see Section 7)

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2. INSPECTION ORDER

NAME :	DI (Déclaration d'Importation)
ISSUED BY	DDC (Direction Départementale du Commerce)
VALIDITY :	6 Months. Can be extended for a further 6 months
AMOUNT BY WHICH I.O VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED :	10%
AMENDMENT OT THE DPI:	Accepted

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTIONS

SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED:	Yes
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	Yes (should be declared as such on the IO except the goods exempted of the Section 7)
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	Yes (see section 8)
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	Yes (see section 9)
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS*:*	N/A
OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT	Shelf life: minimum 50% remaining on arrival in Congo

4. PRICE VERIFICATION / SELLER'S INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

BUYING / CONFIRMING COMMISSION:	Must be declared
INSURANCE:	Where applicable. No restriction
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	Where applicable. No restriction
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	FOB, freight, insurance and total value (where applicable) as well as any advance payment. A new final invoice is required in case of physical discrepancies.

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5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY PSI COMPANY TO ISSUE REPORT:

Final invoice showing FOB, freight, insurance and Total value (where applicable), with, if deemed necessary by Cotecna, Bill of Loading or Air Way Bill, packing list or any other needed documents.

TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:

1. To seller: Security label on copy of the final document (if so requested) in case of satisfactory results Non Negotiable Report of Finding (NNRF) or Discrepancy report or "Avis de Refus d'Attestation" in case of discrepancy results

2. To importer: Clean Report of Findings named ADV (Attestation de Vérification) in case of satisfactory results Non Negotiable Report of Finding (NNRF) or Discrepancy report or "Avis de Refus d'Attestation" in case of discrepancy results

REPORT PURPOSE:

a) Security label: mainly for payment purpose for the seller
b) ADV: to assist Congolese authorities in collecting the correct amount of import duties and Taxes

6. INSPECTION FEES

Fees are paid by the Importer to the COTECNA offices at Pointe-Noire and Brazzaville. Nevertheless, Cotecna may invoice the seller in the event of supplementary inspection visits (in vain or unsatisfactory results). The costs incurred by the seller for presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, repackaging are for the account of the seller.

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7. LISTING OF GOODS EXEMPTED FROM PSI

- Imports with a FOB value below 3,000,000 XAF
- Objects of art, precious stones, gold and other precious metals
- Used personal and household effects, including one used car
- Personal gifts
- Weapons and related ammunition other than for hunting and sport purposes
- Current newspapers and periodicals, postal or fiscal stamps, stamped papers, banknotes, and chequebooks
- Non-commercial parcel post and commercial samples
- Bona fide gifts to the Government and imports for diplomatic entities and for United Nations organizations for their own use in Congo
- Cinematographic film exposed and developed
- Crude oil and refined product
- Perishable goods for human consumption neither frozen nor deep-frozen (e.g. meat, fish, fruit and vegetables)
- Live animals
- Plants and flowers
- Explosives and pyrotechnic products
- Scrap metal
- Goods imported by Free-shops and intended for export-sales
- Medicinal Products

8. LISTING OF PROHIBITED IMPORTS

- Old frozen meat or fish
- Turkey rumps
- Meat with high content of fat notably “capas”
- Skimmed and peeled chops
- Eggs transported in non-refrigerated containers
- Chicken paw/foot
- Plastics bags used as sacks for foods , water and other beverages

9. LISTING OF RESTRICTED IMPORTS

(The goods below required an administrative licence before importation)

- Sea fish (poisson de mer)
- Meat & offal’s (viande et abats)
- Hen (poultry) (poule, volaille)
- Concentrated tomato (concentré de tomate)
- Flour (farine)
- Rice (riz)
- Oil (huile)
- Cooking salt (sel de cuisine)
- Salted fish (poissons salés)
- Radioactice source (source radio-active)
- Insecticides
- Sardines and tinned food (sardines et conserves)

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10. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

N/A

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