

CONGO DATASHEET

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1. DESTINATION INSPECTION (DI) MANDATE

Since 1st May 2015, no physical inspection before shipment is required.

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO:	YES
DI MANDATED BY :	Ministry of Finance
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S) :	<p>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 Contract n°043 signed the 14th of April 2015</p>
APPOINTED DI COMPANY :	<p>Cotecna Inspection S.A. Cotecna Inspection Congo S.A.R.L</p>
SELECTION OF INSPECTION COMPANY:	N/A
SCOPE OF DESTINATION INSPECTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verification of Transaction Price under GATT/WTO - Value for customs purpose - Customs classification - Import eligibility (for information) - Capacity Building - Implementation of Risk Management - Use of X-ray scanning containers at the Port and Airports of Congo
MINIMUM ORDER VALUE SUBJECT TO DI :	XAF 1'000'000 FOB
PARTIAL SHIPMENTS :	Subject to DI if total order value exceeds XAF 1'000'000 FOB.
EXEMPTIONS FROM DI :	see Section 7

2. INSPECTION ORDER "I.O." (the instruction for Cotecna to inspect)

I.O NAME :	DI (Declaration 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 OF THE DI :	Accepted
DESTINATION INSPECTION:	CONGO has a Destination Inspection Program in place since May 1st 2015

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTIONS

SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED:	N/A
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	Yes
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	Yes (see section 8)
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	Yes (see section 9)
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	N/A
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	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.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

<p>FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY DI COMPANY TO ISSUE REPORT :</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED :</p>	<p>1. To seller: Security label on copy of the final document (if so requested) <u>in case of satisfactory results</u> Non Negotiable Report of Finding (NNRF) or Discrepancy report or “Avis de Refus d’Attestation” <u>in case of discrepancy results</u></p> <p>2. To importer: Clean Report of Findings named ADV (Attestation de Vérification) <u>in case of satisfactory results</u> Non Negotiable Report of Finding (NNRF) or Discrepancy report or “Avis de Refus d’Attestation” in case of discrepancy results or Valorized Non Negotiable Report of Findings (VNNRF) in case the final document is not received by the LO within 5 working days</p>
<p>REPORT PURPOSE :</p>	<p>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</p>

6. INSPECTION FEES

Fees are paid by the Importer to the Cotecna offices at Pointe-Noire and Brazzaville.

7. LISTING OF GOODS EXEMPTED FROM DI

- Imports with a FOB value below 1,000,000 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

- Goods imported under re-importation custom regime (IM6)

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)
- Radioactive source (source radio-active)
- Insecticides
- Sardines and tinned food (sardines et conserves)

10. DISCLAIMER

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating destination inspection, and does not relieve exporters or importers from their obligation in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. It is not intended to affect the contractual obligations of the parties to a transaction and consequently does not affect the rights of the buyer, for whom Cotecna is not acting, and does not relieve the seller of his contractual obligations.

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For further information, or clarification, please contact the Cotecna Affiliate in the country of inspection of the goods.