INSPECTION OF AGRIFOOD & COMMODITIES

Delivering assurance on the quality and quantity of your shipments.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

International trade is on the rise and involves an increasing number of players including importers, exporters, traders, banks, insurance companies, non-government organizations and public bodies at both national and international level. In any transaction where goods are bought and sold, there is a transfer of ownership. The various parties need support from an independent third party to provide reassurance of the conformity of goods. They also need quick reporting from the field about quality, weight or any other specific aspect of the product.

SOLUTION

What is Inspection of Agrifood & Commodities?

Inspection of Agrifood & Commodities involves inspecting products for specific criteria such as quality, weight, packing and labelling. Such inspections can be performed at different points in the product's supply chain including at the production site, and loading or unloading points.
Bureau Veritas inspectors can survey the operations, report on the visual condition of cargo, perform weight tests, and draw samples to grade the product on site or ascertain the quality by analyses in a laboratory. They can also tally (= count) units of bags or cartons and perform other specific tasks as required. Regular reporting (generally on a daily basis) is provided to the client throughout all operations.

What are the key benefits?

- Reassurance about actual weight and quality (or other criteria) of products.
- Ability to react in time and protect your interests in case of a problem.
- Third Party inspection results can be used to support sales.
- The certificate may also be used as one of the documents to present in case of payment with a Letter of Credit.

RELATED **SERVICES**

Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of services related to trade facilitation:

- Preshipment Inspection (PSI)
- Control by X-ray Scanner
- Verification of Conformity (VOC)
- VeriVALUE database
- SMART*Lane* (Bureau Veritas Risk Management Solution)
- Crude Oil & Petroleum Products Inspection
- Inspection of Mineral Products
- Verification of Wood Products for Export
- Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS)
- Vehicle Damage Tracking (VDT)
- Vehicle Stock Control (VSC)
- Vehicle Lease Inspections
- General Trade Services
- Customs Classification Code Service (CCCS)
- Supply Chain Security Services (SCSS)
- Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
- Monitoring of Transport Vehicles (Tracking)
- Network Conformity Assessment

In addition to Agrifood and commodities services, Bureau Veritas also provides:

- Laboratory Analysis
- Training
- Fumigation

Details can be obtained upon request. Bureau Veritas is also active up and downstream of the trade in the Agro- Industry and retail distribution sectors providing a full range of certifications (ISO 22000, HACCP, BRC, etc) and inspections. Some of these services are built to be compatible and can be combined to generate efficiency, consistency and optimization.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

Our Reputation

■ Bureau Veritas is one of the world's leading providers of inspection services. Established in 1828, Bureau Veritas acts as Trade Facilitation services provider on five continents.

Our Network

■ Our global presence offers you the convenience of international expertise combined with local service where you need it.

Our Personalized service

■ Bureau Veritas adapts its services to your needs. Bureau Veritas has developed and implemented several solutions to make the service more efficient and to help companies to integrate new stakes and transform them into operational results.

Our Recognition, Certification and Accreditation

■ Member of specialized international organizations such as GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association), FOSFA (Federation of Oilseeds and Fats Association), SAL (Sugar Association of London), Bureau Veritas is an active member of the Agri Committee of the IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies).
Internationally recognized by the most important organizations, Bureau Veritas is certified ISO 9001 and is the first inspection body in the world to have its network accredited ISO 17020 within the scope of its Pre-Shipment Inspection and Verification of Conformity activities.

OUR APPROACH

Missions are performed in accordance with our internal procedures which are compatible with those set up by international standards or professional organizations. They can be briefly described as follows:

• Scope definition
The client defines the framework and scope of the inspection with Bureau Veritas. This can include the specifications of the product to be inspected, the issuing of a specific check-list and the definition of our mission.
The reporting format is agreed with the client in order to meet expectations.

• Inspection of agrifood and commodities
Once the scope of mission is defined, Bureau Veritas allocates experienced inspector(s) to attend on site according to inspection order including all required information (specifications, check-list, etc.).

• Reporting
The field report is transmitted to the local office which in turn informs the client on a regular basis about operations progress and inspection results. When required a final Inspection Report or Certificate will be issued and transmitted to the client.

FAQ

Are you widely recognized?
Yes. For its international trade activities, Bureau Veritas is recognized by all the key players:

- Professional organizations (including FOSFA and GAFTA).
- International organizations (including EU, World Food program, UN procurement and UN bodies).
- Main buyers (or procurement agencies) in destination countries.
- Banks and insurance companies also accept the value of our Certificates.

Do you have your own staff?
Yes, we operate our own structure with presence on the ground in most of the main exporting/importing countries.

CASE STUDY

C.P. INTERTRADE, Thailand
Ensuring the quality and integrity of rice shipments.

CHALLENGE
- Manage uncertainty of goods delivery, en route and during offloading.
- Control each shipment remotely.
- Clients need third party assurance of rice weight and quality.

SOLUTION
- Pre-Shipment Inspections to certify weight and quality.
- Cargoes checked against instructions of each buyer.
- Local expertise and services provided by our worldwide network.

BENEFITS
- Third party confirmation of quality.
- Improved client trust and satisfaction.
- Control of transactions remotely.

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