

## **DESTINATION INSPECTION OF IMPORTS FOR GHANA**

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### **1. Destination Inspection (DI) mandate**

MANDATE AUTHORISED BY:	<i>Ministry of Trade and Industry</i>
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S):	<i>Notice to Importers dd 7 February 2000 + 8 January 2003</i>
APPOINTED DI COMPANY (IES):	<b>1. GATEWAY SERVICES LTD; 2. BIVAC INTERNATIONAL; 3. GHANA LINK NETWORK SERVICES and 4. INSPECTION AND CONTROL SERVICES.</b>
SELECTION OF DI COMPANIES:	<i>According to the means of shipment and countries (see section 10)</i>
SCOPE OF DUTIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Quality, Quantity</i></li><li>• <i>Export market price (For Govt. information purposes)</i></li><li>• <i>Customs classification</i></li><li>• <i>Value for Customs purposes</i></li><li>• <i>Assessment of import duties to be paid by the importer</i></li><li>• <i>Import eligibility</i></li></ul>
MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO DI:	<i>Not applicable.</i>
PART SHIPMENTS:	<i>Subject to DI.</i>
EXEMPTIONS FROM DI:	<i>See Section 7.</i>

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### **2. Destination Inspection Order - The instruction for BIVAC to inspect**

P.I.O. NAME:	<b><i>Import Declaration Form (I.D.F.)</i></b>
ISSUED BY:	<i>Ministry of Trade and Industry.</i>
VALIDITY:	<i>1 year</i>
AMOUNT BY WHICH I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED:	<i>10%.</i>
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR:	<i>Amendment is required.</i>

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### **3. Inspection requirements/restrictions**

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS	<i>Not applicable.</i>
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	<i>See Section 10.</i>
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	<i>Not applicable.</i>
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	<i>Not applicable.</i>

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### **3. Inspection requirements/restrictions (Cont'd)**

**LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:** *The verification of labelling and packaging shall be carried out especially for the goods listed in Section 10 and shall include verification of the batch coding or lot identification and expiry dates of goods, provided that in all cases they conform to the laws in force in Ghana.*

*For drug, food and perishable items, the date of manufacturing or production must appear on the packing. Bulk cargoes: The date of manufacturing or production must appear on the cargo documents.*

**OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- *Shelf life for drug, food and perishable items: The remaining shelf life at the time of inspection should be a minimum of 2/3 of the life span of the goods. The minimum remaining shelf life at the time when the goods arrive in Ghana should be 50% of the life span.*
- *Poultry and meat products with fat content higher than specified further will be confiscated and destroyed at importers' cost (poultry products: 15%, beef: 25%, mutton: 30%, pork: 35%).*

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### **4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements**

**BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:** *To be reported.*

**INSURANCE:** *No specific requirement.*

**FINANCIAL INTEREST:** *No specific requirement.*

**FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:** *FOB value per item + freight + insurance + ancillary charges where applicable.*

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### **5. Reporting requirements**

**FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BIVAC TO ISSUE REPORT:** *Final invoice / Packing List / Way Bill.*

**TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:** ***Final Classification and Valuation Report (FCVR), Gateway Pass***

**REPORT PURPOSE:**

- *The FCVR is used by the importer for customs clearance.*
- *Where the physical verification of the goods, either through X-ray scanning or physical inspection is satisfactory, BIVAC International Ghana Ltd shall issue a **Gateway Pass** confirming that the goods can be released.*

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### **6. Inspection fees**

*Paid by the Government.*

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### **7. List of goods exempted from DI**

- Personal, household or removal articles including a motor vehicle.*
- Supplies for diplomatic missions and United Nations Organisations not involving the provision of foreign exchange from GHANA.*
- Gold, precious stones, objects of art, explosives and pyrotechnic products, arms, ammunitions, weapons, implements of war imported by the Ghana Armed Forces and the Ghana Police Service, live animals, trade samples, foodstuffs from the West Africa region, fresh or frozen fish caught by Ghanaian-owned vessels.*
- Scrap metals.*
- Goods imported by parcel post not exceeding \$ 2,000.*
- Crude oil.*

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## **8. List of prohibited goods**

*Not applicable.*

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## **9. List of restricted goods**

*Not applicable.*

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## **10. Inspection Agency selection**

- ◆ *IDFs submitted to **BIVAC International**, for all shipments by air and through land borders and shipments by sea as per following countries:*
  - *Western Europe: France*
  - *Southern Africa: South Africa*
  - *West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Cameroon, Equatorial guinea, Sao Tome & Principe, Gabon, Central African Rep., Congo, Zaire.*
- ◆ *For other shipments by sea, IDFs submitted, as per geographical zoning to:*
  - *Gateway Services Limited, or*
  - *Ghana Link Network Services, or*
  - *Inspection and Control Services*
- ◆ *Physical inspection of high-risk goods are transferred to the Ghana Standard Board.*

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