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DATA SHEET - PRE-IMPORT INSPECTION, TESTING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OF GOODS TO IRAQ (ICIGI) – KURDISTAN Region

1. VOC mandate

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO?: Yes No

MANDATE AUTHORISED BY: *Kurdistan Standardization and Quality Control Administration (KSQCA)*

APPLICABLE REGULATION(S): *Letter number 1674 on July 07th, 2011*

APPOINTED COMPANY (IES): *Bureau Veritas (for Iraq mainland – refer to the related datasheet)*

SCOPE OF DUTIES:

- Quality, Quantity*
- Export market price (for foreign exchange purposes)*
- Export market price (for Government information purposes)*
- Customs classification per item*
- Value for Customs purposes*
- Assessment of import duties and taxes*
- Import eligibility*
- Verification of Conformity to Iraqi requirements and standards*
- Testing*

MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO VOC: *USD 2,000*

PART SHIPMENTS: *N/A*

PRODUCTS FOR VOC: *See section 7*

2. Request for Verification - The instruction for Bureau Veritas to verify conformity

INSPECTION ORDER NAME: *Request for certificate*

ISSUED BY: *Request for Verification to be provided by Exporter to Bureau Veritas office (see contacts list)*

DESTINATION INSPECTION: *Destination inspection isn't allowed. However, there is an inspection at border (point of entry) which is performed to authenticate the CoC and check that the container has not been damaged / altered. The Entry Point Offices (EPO) of Bureau Veritas will check the CoC in order to make sure it matches import documents and matches with containers presented for clearance. The EPO may also be invited by Iraqi Customs to see opening of containers to check that the goods match what has been identified in the CoC. Upon Satisfactory completion of the inspection, the EPO will issue a Release note which will be provided together with the CoC to Customs to continue clearance process.*

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3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS	<i>Not required</i>
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	<i>Not allowed within the scope of the programme</i>
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	<i>See Section 8</i>
EXEMPTED IMPORTS:	<i>See Section 9</i>
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	<p><i>For all products, the following markings shall be at least in Arabic (when such markings are required per the applicable standard): product name, ingredients/components, using method and warnings.</i></p> <p><i>The following markings shall be in Arabic or English: manufacturer name (producing company), country of origin and when required per standard: size or net weight, date of production and expiry, and batch number. Marking of the country of origin is required on products or its individual retail packaging.</i></p> <p><i>Abbreviation of country of origin marking is acceptable for the following countries only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• EU : for any country member of the European Union</i><i>• UK : United Kingdom of Great Britain</i><i>• USA : United States of America</i><i>• PRC : People's Republic of China</i><i>• According to ISO 3166 "Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions" requirements for CoO names composed from more than two words</i> <p><i>Any other abbreviations shall be approved by KSQCA</i></p>
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	<p><i>Halal butchery: all meat entering Iraq must be Halal. A certificate issued by an Islamic Organization or Council or any Accredited Body in the country of supply has to be provided certifying that the butchery has been done pursuant to the Islamic Sharia regarding meat. All meat entering Kurdistan Region must be Halal.</i></p> <p><i>Health Certificate: A declaration by the manufacturer confirming that product only contains authorized materials as per the EU Directive or US FDA, when the standard requires it.</i></p> <p><i>Melamine: Melamine contents shall not exceed 1mg/kg for dairy products originated from China</i></p> <p><i>Radiation test is required for all products imported from Japan and Ukraine excepting Japanese vehicles</i></p>

4. Conformity requirements

Compliance of goods to applicable Iraqi standard(s) and/or Iraqi Technical Requirements or to international/European standard(s) with relating Iraqi national deviations shall be demonstrated with conformity documents issued by accredited entities and/or testing.

In-house test reports may be considered when manufacturer is certified per ISO 9001 or other appropriate standard and when capability of the laboratory is demonstrated.

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4. Conformity requirements (Cont'ed)

The VOC programme offers 2 different routes to demonstrate compliance:

- Route A - Basic PVoC process
- Route B - Registration

5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY

- BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT:
- Request for certificate (RFC)
 - Final invoice
 - Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...)
 - Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.)

- TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:
- CoC = Certificate of Conformity
 - NCR = Non Conformity Report
 - Release Note for the inspection at border

- REPORT PURPOSE:
- CoC and Release Note for clearing the goods

6. Inspection fees

Paid by Exporter

I – Fees for Goods conformity Assessment and issuance of Certificate of Conformity

- **All goods (except new vehicles)**

Declared value of shipment (*) - (USD)	Applicable fees (USD)	Minimum fees (USD)	Maximum fees (USD)
A ₁ = up to 80,000	320	320	320
A ₂ = 80,001 to 200,000	320 + 0.4 % (A ₂ – 80,000)	320	800
A ₃ = 200,001 to 1,000,000	800 + 0.30 % (A ₃ – 200,000)	800	3,200
A ₄ = 1,000,001 & above	3,200 + 0.15 % (A ₄ – 1,000,000)	3,200	18,000

- **New and used vehicles**

<u>Minimum fees</u> (USD)	Fees per vehicle (USD)
320	50

II -Fees for inspection at Kurdistan Region border points (including destination inspection vehicles until the vehicles inspection stations are implemented in the country)

Applicable fees per container or truck or shipment less than container / truck load (USD) (except for cement shipment)	For cement shipment, applicable fees per ton based on the scale (USD)
65	2

6. Inspection fees (Cont'ed)

Above mentioned fees are net of any taxes and duties

* "container value" is the total declared value of the shipment without customs, insurance and freight charges divided by the number of containers/trucks/trailers.

The above fees cover the documentary verification and the physical inspections of the goods **but do not include:**

- Testing: to be quoted on a case by case basis
- Container sealing if required
- Product Registration
- Re-inspection due to vain inspection
- Cost incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection and/or testing
- Other fees not mentioned above

For additional information, refer to Fees Structure Information Sheet.

7. List of goods subject to VOC

See products list for additional details

8. List of prohibited goods

- Genetic Modified Products (GMO)
- Food products that include pork, pork fat and pork derivatives in their ingredients
- Products originated from Israel
- Counterfeited products
- Non compliant goods

9. List of exempted goods

- Medical products of therapeutical effects
- ATV – All-terrain vehicles (4 wheels bike)
- Commercial vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of good of which the maximum mass is over 3.5 tons

10. Main contacts

See contacts list.

11. Geographical inspection zones

Worldwide

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating Pre-Shipment Inspection and does not relieve Exporters or Importers from their obligations in respect of compliance with the import regulations of the country of importation. Although every effort has been made to ensure the correctness of the information, as at the date of issuance of this data sheet, Bureau Veritas does not accept any responsibility for errors or omissions and, furthermore, the information may subsequently be subject to change as may be announced by the Authorities in the country of importation. Consequently, Exporters are advised to check with Bureau Veritas, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Certificate of conformity.