

BULK & BREAK BULK CARGO CLEARANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PHILIPPINES

1. Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) mandate

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO? Yes No

MANDATE ACCREDITED BY: *CACSC (Committee for Accreditation of Cargo Surveying Companies)*

APPLICABLE REGULATION(S): *Administrative Order No. 243.A 16 Sept. 2009 - Bulk and Break Bulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Program;
Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 3-2010 dated May 12th 2010 and
Customs Memorandum Order (CMO) 18-2010 dated May 12th, 2010.
Customs Administrative Order (CAO) 60-2011 dated April 5th 2011*

APPOINTED PSI COMPANY (IES): **BUREAU VERITAS**, and other Cargo Surveyors

SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES: *Exporter/Importer's choice*

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*

MINIMUM VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI: *No minimum value*

PART SHIPMENTS: *Authorised*

EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI: *see Section 7*

2. Port Loading Survey Inspection Order (PLSIO) - The instruction for Bureau Veritas to inspect

INSPECTION ORDER NAME: *PLSIO = Port Loading Survey Inspection Order*

ISSUED BY: *The appointed Inspection Company*

VALIDITY: *N/A*

AMOUNT BY WHICH P.I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED: *N/A*

CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR: *N/A (sea only)*

DESTINATION INSPECTION: *Yes, a Discharge Port Survey (DPS) is allowed during transition period. A One Stop Shop (OSS) has been created who handle the application for the conduct of DPS (refer to CMO 18-2010 and CAO 60-2011).*

3. Inspection requirements/restrictions

SEALING OF F.C.L.CONTAINERS	N/A
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	Authorised if in bulk or break bulk
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	See Section 8
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	See Section 9
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	As per the Philippines regulations
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	N/A

4. Price verification/Seller's invoice requirements

BUYING/CONFIRMING COMMISSIONS:	No specific requirement.
INSURANCE:	No specific requirement.
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	No specific requirement.
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	No specific requirement.

5. Reporting requirements

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY BUREAU VERITAS TO ISSUE REPORT:	Final invoice, transport document, packing list are required. Other specific documents like quality certificate, certificate of analysis or non radioactivity... may be requested by BV offices where appropriate.
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED:	Port Load Survey Report (PLSR) Discharge Port Survey Report (DPSR)
REPORT PURPOSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required by Customs for clearance of the goods.

6. Inspection fees

Determined upon PLSIO application and paid by the importer or exporters.

For additional services to the BOC, the ACSC shall be allowed to charge a fee in accordance with international standards and practices, but in no case to exceed one-half of one percent (0.5 %) of the FOB value of the cargo. The fee shall be payable by the exporter, unless otherwise agreed upon by and between the importer and exporter (Customs Memorandum Order 18-2010, Art 8).

Nevertheless, Bureau Veritas/BIVAC may invoice the Seller in the event of supplementary inspection visits (in vain or unsatisfactory results). The costs incurred by the Seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, handling, testing, sampling, repacking... are for the account of the Seller.

7. List of goods exempted from PSI

- Containerized goods;
- Airfreight cargoes;
- PEZA-registered Enterprises

8. List of prohibited goods

No specific requirement.

9. List of restricted goods

No specific requirement.

10. Other relevant information

*Coverage of the Bulk & break bulk cargo clearance enhancement program: all Philippines bound **bulk** and **break-bulk** cargoes/shipments loaded into carrying vessels.*

The commodities covered are the following:

- Liquids;*
- Chemicals;*
- Petroleum products;*
- Dry cargoes (grain...);*
- All other cargoes shipped in bulk or break-bulk (wood, steel, etc.)*

Definitions:

Bulk Cargo: *Cargoes in a mass of one commodity not packaged, bundled, bottled or otherwise packed; cargo (dry or liquid) which are loaded (shovelled, scooped, forked, mechanically conveyed or pumped) in volume directly into a vessel's hold or cargo this is unbound as loaded, without count in a loose unpackaged form.*

Break Bulk Cargo: *Non-containerised general cargo stored in boxes, bales, pallets or other individual units to be loaded onto or discharged from vessels; cargo loaded individually and described in terms of quantity and weight, (e.g. steel coils, logs, sacks of rice) and not in shipping containers nor in bulk as with oil or grain.*

11. Geographical inspection zones

World wide

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, BIVAC International 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/BIVAC, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Clean Report of Findings.
