

Press release

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Cotecna launches scanner operations in the Republic of Congo

On March 25, Cotecna launched scanner operations for imported container at the port of Pointe Noire as part of its Goods Inspection contract with the Government of the Republic of Congo.

The original Pre-shipment Inspection contract was signed in March 2006 and on June 29, 2009 an addendum was signed for the supply and installation of a 3.8MeV mobile container scanner at the port of Ponte-Noire as well as a Computerized Risk Management System (CRMS[®]). This addendum extended the contract for a further four years starting from the first container scan. The programme assists the Government of the Republic of Congo in their Customs capacity building and revenue protection programs and in improving security. CRMS[®] is a system designed to assist Customs officials in determining the appropriate level of intervention of each trade transaction, depending on the type of goods to be inspected.

Cotecna is responsible for training local staff and Customs agents to ensure maximum efficiency of the new tools.

Cotecna has more than 70 staff in the Congo between their head and operating office in Pointe-Noire and their liaison office at Brazzaville. Main imports to the Congo come from France, China, Belgium, Deutschland, the Netherlands and Brazil.

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Note to editors:

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