

GHANA DATASHEET

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1. DESTINATION INSPECTION (DI) MANDATE

IS THE COUNTRY A MEMBER OF THE WTO:	Yes
DI MANDATED BY :	Ministry of Trade and Industry(MOTI)
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S) :	Export and Import Act, 1995 (Act 503) Export and Import (Amendment) Act, 2000
APPOINTED DI COMPANY :	Gateway Services Limited (GSL) BIVAC International Ghana Limited Ghana Link Network Services Limited Inspection Control Services Limited
SELECTION OF INSPECTION COMPANY:	Mode of Transport GSL (Cotecna) responsible for ALL SEA IMPORTS from selected Countries as per MOTI's published list
SCOPE OF DESTINATION INSPECTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Verification of Transaction Price under GATT/WTO Valuation regime- Value for customs purpose- Customs classification- Import eligibility (for information)- Capacity Building- Implementation of Risk Management- Use of X-ray scanning containers at the Port of Tema
MINIMUM ORDER VALUE SUBJECT TO DI :	No threshold established
PARTIAL SHIPMENTS :	Subject to DI irrespective of value
EXEMPTIONS FROM DI :	See Exporter's guidelines

2. INSPECTION ORDER "I.O." (the instruction for Cotecna to inspect)

I.O NAME :	Import Declaration Form (IDF)
ISSUED BY	Ministry of Trade & Industry (but Forms are also available from Commercial Banks & Customs Posts) and Trade Section of the Ghana High Commission in London
VALIDITY :	No limit
AMOUNT BY WHICH I.O VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED :	Normal trade tolerance
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR:	Allowed, but importer must advise the GSL Accra Liaison Office
DESTINATION INSPECTION:	Ghana has a Destination Inspection Scheme in place since April 1st 2000

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTIONS

SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED:	No
SECOND-HAND GOODS:	Yes
PROHIBITED IMPORTS:	Listed in Exporter's guidelines
RESTRICTED IMPORTS:	Listed in Exporter's guidelines
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS:	Refer to Legislative Instrument 1541 in relation to Labeling Requirements by Ghana Standards Board
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	N/A

4. PRICE VERIFICATION / SELLER'S INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

BUYING / CONFIRMING COMMISSION:	Commission must be declared
INSURANCE:	Coverage outside Ghana permitted
FINANCIAL INTEREST:	At normal commercial rate; clearly itemized
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW:	FOB value, FOB charges, freight, and any advance payments

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

FINAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY DI COMPANY TO ISSUE REPORT :	Final Invoice and Bill of Lading to be submitted 10 days in advance of the arrival of the shipment by sea
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- - To Seller: NO Security label will be affixed to seller's commercial invoice- To Importer: Final Classification and Valuation Report (FCVR)
REPORT PURPOSE :	FCVR: Customs valuation advice and clearance

6. INSPECTION FEES

The importer pays the Government a fee of 1 % of the dutiable (CIF) value of each import consignment.

7. DISCLAIMER

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For further information, or clarification, please contact the COTECNA Affiliate in the country of inspection of the goods.