

## Mexico

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### Company Profile

Cotecna is one of the world's leading trade inspection, security and certification companies. We have been a global authority in the inspection industry for over 30 years. Cotecna combines state-of-the-art technology and knowledge transfer with innovative, tailor-made services to improve and secure trade environments around the world.

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### Nomination by the Mexican authorities

In January 2006, following an international public tender launched by the General Customs Administration of the Government of the United States of Mexico (AGA), Cotecna was appointed to implement a program to combat customs fraud in Mexico.

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### Background

This program is geared toward verifying the accuracy and genuineness of the documentation presented by Mexican importers and exporters. This frequently entails the verification of their legal and physical existence in order to ensure that no false or amended documentation is used at the time of importation or exportation.

The information provided is for the sole use of the Tax Administration Service (SAT) and the General Customs Administration of Mexico (AGA). The services provided by Cotecna are based on non discriminatory and objective procedures and judgments; Cotecna commits not to share or disclose, directly or indirectly, any information with third parties.

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### Scope of activity

The Mexican government has entrusted Cotecna with the mission of reviewing documentation presented at the time of importation and exportation of goods to and from Mexico. Cotecna uses its worldwide network of subsidiaries to obtain information concerning the buyers, suppliers and/or producers to verify their physical and legal existence.

Cotecna contacts the exporter, manufacturer or buyer in order to confirm the value and/or origin of the imported/exported goods. Based on the information collected, Cotecna provides a report regarding the existence and veracity of the operation to the AGA.

With regard to the above, Cotecna will request your cooperation in providing information and documentation to confirm the operations performed in Mexico by your buyers and/or sellers in order to avoid the misuse of the name, reputation or brand of companies located abroad and to combat customs fraud in Mexico. Whenever it is required by the Mexican Authorities, a site visit will be organized.

Details of the mandate are available on the following official website of the Mexican Customs and Tax Authorities:

[http://www.aduanas.gob.mx/aduana\\_mexico/2007/A\\_Body\\_imp\\_exp.htm](http://www.aduanas.gob.mx/aduana_mexico/2007/A_Body_imp_exp.htm) (Select Valunet)