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## **Committee on Customs Valuation**

### **PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION**

#### Note from the Secretariat

At its meeting of 12 and 25 November and 17 December 1999, the Committee on Customs Valuation agreed that the Secretariat would prepare, in advance of each regular meeting of the Committee, a document indicating the situation with regard to countries using preshipment inspection (PSI) regimes. This document is the first presenting this information which is compiled exceptionally for the WTO by the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA) Pre-Shipment Inspection Committee in response to a request by the WTO. The table below presents this information as at 17 March 2000.

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<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>MANDATED IFIA PSI MEMBERS*</b>	<b>SPLIT</b>
Angola	FOREX/CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Argentina	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, CONTROL UNION, ITS, INSPECTORATE, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Bangladesh	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, ITS, INSPECTORATE	GEOGRAPHICAL
Benin	FOREX/CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Bolivia	CUSTOMS	INSPECTORATE, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Burkina Faso	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Burundi	FOREX	SGS	-
Cameroon	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Central African Rep.	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Comoros	FOREX/CUSTOMS	COTECNA	-
Congo	CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Côte d'Ivoire	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Dem. Rep. of Congo	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Ecuador	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, COTECNA, ITS, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Ethiopia	FOREX/CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Gambia	CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Georgia	CUSTOMS	ITS	-
Ghana <sup>1</sup>	FOREX/CUSTOMS	GSBV, COTECNA, ITS, SGS	GEOGRAPHICAL
Guinea	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Iran <sup>2</sup>	QUALITY/QUANTITY	BIVAC, COTECNA, INSPECTORATE, ITS, OMIC, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Iran <sup>3</sup>	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Kenya	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, COTECNA, SGS	-
Liberia	CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Madagascar	FOREX/CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Malawi	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Mauritania	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Mali	FOREX/CUSTOMS	SGS	
Mexico <sup>4</sup>	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, ITS, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Mozambique	FOREX/CUSTOMS	ITS	-

<sup>1</sup> Existing programme ends on 31 March. As from 1 April a new programme commences covering physical inspection by GSBV and GSL on arrival in Ghana and PSI support on valuation and classification. GSBV & GSL are joint ventures with BIVAC and COTECNA respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Only covers quality and quantity of importer's contractual specifications.

<sup>3</sup> Voluntary programme at importers' discretion (for trade facilitation): may be undertaken simultaneously with the quality/quantity programme.

<sup>4</sup> Only goods of certain categories and origins published in Article 10 of the "Agreement on Automatic Imported Advice" are subject to PSI if their unit value is inferior to estimated prices published by the Government.

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>MANDATED IFIA PSI MEMBERS*</b>	<b>SPLIT</b>
Niger	FOREX/CUSTOMS	COTECNA	-
Nigeria	FOREX/CUSTOMS	BIVAC, COTECNA, ITS, SGS	GEOGRAPHICAL
Peru	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, COTECNA, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Philippines <sup>5</sup>	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Rwanda	CUSTOMS	SGS	-
Senegal	CUSTOMS	BIVAC, SGS	IMPORTERS CHOICE
Sierra Leone	CUSTOMS	BIVAC	-
Tanzania	CUSTOMS	COTECNA	-
Togo	FOREX/CUSTOMS	COTECNA	-
Uganda	CUSTOMS	ITS	-
Uzbekistan	CUSTOMS	ITS	-
Zanzibar	FOREX	SGS	-

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<sup>5</sup> Contracts expires on 31 March.

\* Non Members of the IFIA PSI Committee are additionally operating in Argentina and Iran.