



GUIDELINES ON IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE		
	REPUBLIC OF SURINAME PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION PROGRAMME	
<i>This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to Suriname and supplements our publication "Pre-Shipment Inspection Programme: Guidelines for Exporters"</i>		
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1. PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION (PSI) MANDATE	
PSI MANDATED BY	Ministry of Finance
THE COUNTRY IS A MEMBER OF THE WTO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S)	Presidential Decree P.B. no.05/2013 dated 03/05/2013 and Ministry of Finance Regulation La.F.no.4083 dated 17/05/2013 as amended by Ministry of Finance Regulation La.F.no.6051 dated 16/07/2013
APPOINTED PSI COMPANY(IES)	SGS
SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES	Not applicable
SCOPE OF PSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality and Quantity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality & quantity (For Customs purposes only) <input type="checkbox"/> Export Market Price (For Foreign Exchange purposes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export Market Price (For Govt.Information purposes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Value for Customs purposes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customs classification (HS 2007 version) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Import eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Container's sealing
MINIMUM ORDER VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI	USD 3,000 FOB. But all Full Container Load (FCL) shipments are subject to PSI regardless of value.
PART SHIPMENT	Subject to PSI if total order value equals or exceeds USD 3,000 FOB
EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI	See Section 7

2. INTERVENTION ORDER "I.O." (The instruction for SGS to intervene)

I.O NAME	Service Request ("SR") if goods subject to PSI.
ISSUED BY	SGS Suriname Branch Office based on request of importer (see Section 10)
VALIDITY	12 months
AMOUNT BY WHICH I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED	No limit
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR	Permitted
DESTINATION INSPECTION	Not applicable

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTION

SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
SECOND HAND GOODS LICENCE/APPROVAL REQUIRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Only motorcycles and mopeds older than 3 years require a permit: see Section 9. Cars and buses don't require a permit but are prohibited if older than 8 years and 15 years respectively: see Section 8.
PROHIBITED IMPORTS	See Section 8
RESTRICTED IMPORTS	See Section 9
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS	See Section 10
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	See Section 10

4. PRICE COMPARISON / SELLER'S INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

BUYING / CONFIRMING COMMISSION	As per normal trade practice
INSURANCE	Coverage abroad permitted
FINANCIAL INTEREST	At normal commercial rates
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW	FOB, Freight, Insurance (for CIF contracts), total value and breakdown of FOB unit price per item.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ISSUE REPORT	a) Seller's final Commercial Invoice; b) Packing List; c) Transport Document; d) Certificate of Origin (for preferential tariff agreement countries)
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED	To Seller: (i) Either a Copy of Clean Report of Findings ("CRF" - for information) or Discrepancy Report ("DR" - if, after PSI, discrepancies notified by SGS to seller are not rectified by seller or, where applicable, accepted by importer or Government within 30 days); Security Label (SCL) for Letter of Credit (L/C) transactions only. To Importer: Either:- (i) For Goods subject to PSI: Copy CRF or DR; (ii) For orders with total value < USD 3,000 FOB: Copy Confirmation of Satisfactory Documentary Verification and Exemption from PSI (CDV&E). To Customs: CRF or DR or CDV&E
REPORT PURPOSE	CRF or CDV&E: for Customs clearance; SCL: for financial settlement under Letters of Credit DR: for notification of reasons why CRF could not be issued

6. INSPECTION FEES

SGS inspection fees are borne by the Government. Nevertheless, SGS may invoice the seller in the event of abortive inspection visits, idle time or prolonged duration of inspection due to nonstandard loading processes. The costs incurred by the seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, repacking, etc., are for the account of the seller.

7. LISTING OF GOODS EXEMPTED FROM PSI

- a) Goods valued at USD 3,000 (FOB) or less, provided that they:-
 - are not shipped in Full Container Loads (FCL)
 - are not partial shipments of an import transaction with a FOB value equal or higher than USD 3,000
 - are not directed to PSI through risk assessment conducted by SGS
- b) Live animals;
- c) Crude oil;
- d) Explosives and pyrotechnic products;
- e) Printed newspapers and magazines;
- f) Precious stones and metals;
- g) Objects of art and antiques;
- h) Household goods and goods that are the personal property of an individual who is moving his/her main household to Suriname from abroad, including a motor vehicle, provided that proof is given;
- i) Samples;
- j) Packages by mail and gift parcels that are not intended for commercial purposes;
- k) Imports for the Army and the security services;
- l) Shipments to diplomatic missions, consular missions and international organisations;
- m) Donations from foreign governments or international organizations to foundations, charities and recognized humanitarian organizations; the Government or Government institutions;
- n) Goods financed by a development aid contract that has been concluded directly with a foreign government by the Surinamese Government or the private sector;
- o) Medicines, birth control means and other related items imported by the Government and Government institutions for the benefit of public health care.

8. PROHIBITED IMPORTS

Pesticides (FAO Negative List)
 Chemicals (FAO Negative List) including methylbromide
 Chemical and radioactive waste
 Chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, including the substances used for their production
 Goods illegally obtained, collected, made, transported or exported from/ in the country of origin
 Second-hand buses older than 15 (fifteen) years
 Second-hand passenger cars older than eight (8) years, except for
 - Vehicles that belonged to the remigrant's household for more than two years prior to his/her application for admittance into Suriname, provided that proof is given;
 - Vehicles older than 25 (twenty-five) years, the so-called collector's items.
 All appliances or products that contain ozon-degrading substances and all ozon-degrading substances as referred to in Annex A and B of the Montreal Protocol.
 All kinds of waste

9. RESTRICTED IMPORTS

Firearms, including explosives and ammunition as referred to in article 1 of the Firearms Act (G.B. 1930 No. 73, last amended by S.B. 1990 No. 1)
 Fireworks
 Narcotics and psychotropic substances referred to in article 3 sub 1 of the Narcotics Act (S.B. 1998 No.14). Medicines (for humans), serums.
 Medicines (including pesticides for animals and plants)

Mercury

Pesticides (with the exception of the pesticides on the FAO-negative list)

Radioactive minerals

Protected animal species (CITES app. 1 Chapter 1). Wild animal species and parts or products thereof including eggs.

Eggs, hides, parts of hide, feathers and other body parts of protected species, whether or not prepared, as well as the goods made thereof.

Animals, animal products and products of animal origin

Second-hand (car) tires

Equipment containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT)

Seed, reproductive materials, humus and other unprocessed soil

Motorcycles and mopeds older than 3 (three) years

All ozon-degrading substances and appliances or products that contain ozon-degrading substances (except for all ozon-degrading substances and appliances or products that besides containing ozon-degrading substances are also referred to in Annex A and B of the Montreal Protocol).

All chemicals (excluding chemicals on the FAO Negative List) including methylbromide and chemical and radioactive substances

Plants, parts of plants (including fresh fruit and vegetables) and the packing material thereof (plastic, paper, jute, bags) for which a phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin is required (except for frozen fruit and vegetables).

Used empty bags for bale transport for which a phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin is required, stating that the goods have been sufficiently disinfected or fumigated before shipment.

10. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

For all goods subject to PSI (excluding those exempted as per Section 7 (b) to (o) above) including those declared as less than USD 3,000 FOB as per section 7(a) above, the importer shall submit a Import Verification Request to the SGS Suriname Branch Office, Paramaribo, enclosing a copy of:-

- a) The proforma invoice in respect of the goods
- b) In cases where the goods are usually sold on the basis of a contract of sale, such contract, a sale note and/or confirmation advice.
- c) Where applicable, H03 form and/or Certificate from relevant competent authority (for restricted goods).
- d) Where applicable, Certificate of exemption from import duties

The above documents shall mention all details of the transaction: name, address, contacts of seller and buyer; invoice incoterm, currency, total value; itemized quantities and commercial units, itemized unit prices, itemized values, itemized HS codes, itemized country of origin of goods and a proper itemized description of goods including:-

- Generic product name, i.e. product type, category.
- Mark or brand name of the product, where applicable.
- Model name and/or model number, where applicable
- Description of the quality, grade, specification, size, performance, etc.
- Quantity and packaging and/or packing

For pharmaceuticals and food products, SGS will verify the packaging, numbering of batches, dates of production and expiration. The remaining shelf-life must not be less than 50%.

11. INSPECTION ZONES AND RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES

SGS worldwide

The information contained herein is for the purpose of facilitating pre-shipment inspection and does not relieve exporters or importers from their obligation 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, SGS 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 and importers are advised to check with SGS, prior to shipment of the goods, if there is any doubt concerning the issuance of a Clean Report of Findings or any other Certificate. For further information, or clarification, please contact the SGS GIS Administrative Office in the country of inspection of the goods.