

Intertek

Trading with Sierra Leone

Helping you comply with export and import requirements



Like many governments around the world, it is important that Sierra Leone ensures that correct import duty revenues are paid on all imported goods, as per the Government's requirements.

This is why the National Revenue Authority of Sierra Leone have appointed Intertek as the sole provider of its inspection programme - to ensure all shipments with a Free On Board (FOB) value of more than US\$2,000 (unless officially exempt) are inspected, and comply with the programme, in the country of export before being allowed into Sierra Leone. Certain products may be subject to different levels of inspection which may include valuation or inspection on arrival.

Why do my goods need an inspection?

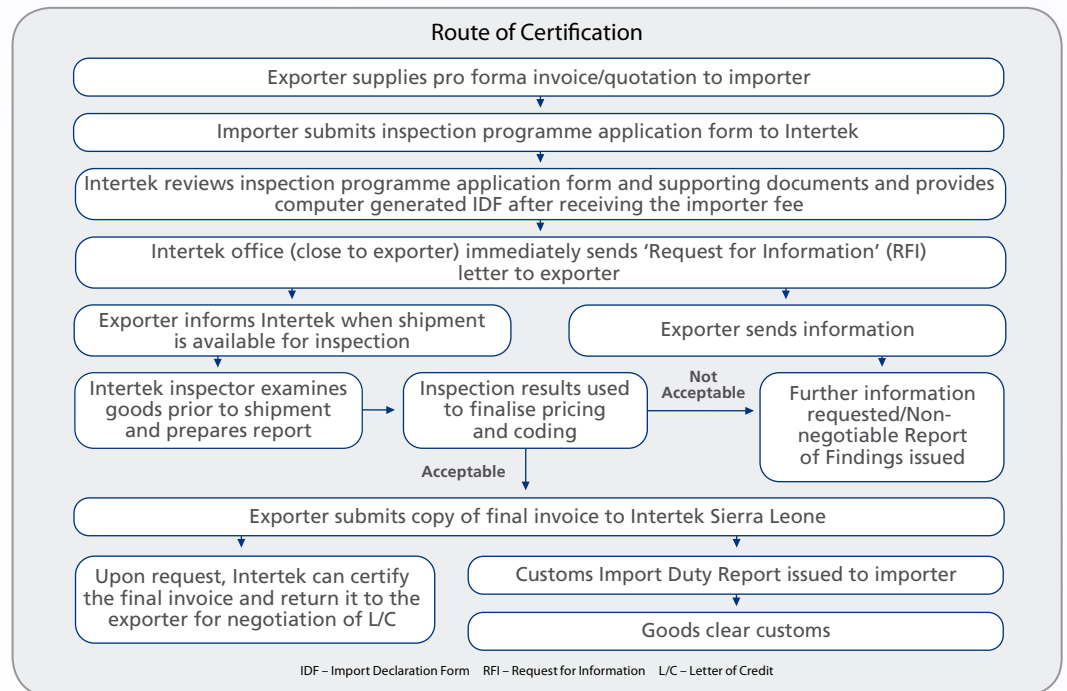
An inspection is required to ensure smooth customs clearance in Sierra Leone.

A brief outline of Intertek's inspection programme

When exporting to Sierra Leone, the following Intertek process must be followed:

- Importer Declaration - Your buyer supplies Intertek with the details of their intended purchase.
- Request for Information - Once completed, it outlines the details for Intertek's inspection.
- Physical Inspection - All packages or containers of goods are inspected and sealed.
- Preparation of Exporter Certificates - Issued once Intertek have received a copy of final invoice.
- Preparation of Importer Certificates - Your buyer is issued with an Importer Certificate.
- Clearance of Goods - Your buyer can clear the shipment through customs.

The flow diagram below shows how the process works in more detail.



The Intertek solution

An Intertek inspection programme not only creates the confidence that shipments comply with the specifications agreed between the exporter and buyer, it also assists buyers to clear goods rapidly on arrival in Sierra Leone. Intertek's services are:

- Fast - Intertek uses state-of-the-art IT and communication systems to ensure that information is rapidly transmitted to our offices around the world.
- Accurate - Intertek staff place the utmost importance on ensuring all inspections and documentation are precise, accurate and delivered on time.
- Responsive - Your dedicated Intertek Export Analyst is your one-stop contact who can give you any advice about the inspection programme.
- Confidential - Intertek comply with all applicable WTO legislation, including the requirement to keep all information completely confidential.

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