

# GOVERNMENT AND TRADE SERVICES

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

### VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Entities involved in international trade such as exporters, importers, retailers, manufacturers, financial institutions and governments alike are concerned about their supply chain management and how this impacts on their business and investments. You need to be able to trust that the goods you are trading not only reach their intended market swiftly and efficiently but also meet the quality standards you demand.

Intertek has developed a series of solutions to support the international supply chain through our range of auditing, testing, inspection and certification services which cover the entire supply chain from the initial trade transaction through to delivery.

- Protecting your brand and your products from counterfeiting or poor quality production and giving you competitive advantage by ensuring your goods are of the best quality
- Mitigating any risks that may arise from questionable suppliers

Intertek has more than 20 years experience in conformity assessment and verification of trade through our Conformity Assessment Programmes for exports, Pre-Shipment Inspections and Verification Services, giving you the assurance you need for your international trade supply chain.

#### Manufacturers Review:

- Legal Entity Review – are they a genuine and legitimate business? We check local authorities such as companies house and chamber of commerce as well as credit checks
- Trading Entity Review – we check that the trading address is legitimate and in use,



trading names and other entities, embargo checks on company and products

- Anti-Slavery Accreditation Review – SMETA audit for ethical trade, health and safety audit, environmental and business practises review
- Review ISO9001. Certification is in place

#### Documentary Review:

- Import Documentation Verification – we will checklist all essential documentation for the country of import and review for completeness and correctness

#### Product Review:

- Verification of International and Domestic Standards
- Pricing and Coding – ensures that the value of the goods declared is in line with market

values and that the HS Codes used are correct for Customs clearance and duty

#### Quantity and Quality Inspections

Quantity and Quality Inspections help protect your brand and your company's reputation by minimising defective merchandise, customer complaints, non-compliant products, and late/short shipments.

#### Specifically, Quantity and Quality Inspections help manufacturers:

- Ensure product conformity to standards prior to shipping
- Ensure correct quantities are being shipped
- Minimise the amount of defective merchandise
- Reduce customer complaints due to inferior products

- Detect merchandise containing non-standard or non-compliant components
- Eliminate late shipments
- Ensure contractual quantity and quality specifications as per any deviations in order to correct the non-conformity

### Verification of International and Domestic Standards

With many years experience working with overseas governments on the development of standards programmes, Intertek have the knowledge and understanding to help you comply with both domestic and/or international product standards. We can also help you meet your ethical and national obligations in relation to international trade.

### HS Customs Coding

Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System is a global system giving each product a unique identifying number. This is used particularly in relation to the collection of import duty but is a global requirement. Intertek will clarify and check that your products have the correct HS Code.

### Labelling Verification and Certification

Intertek's highly experienced professionals will help you ensure that your products and shipments have the correct labelling and hold the right certificates required for international and domestic trade.

#### We also offer:

- Verification of Origin, Packaging, Shipping
- Marks and Product Marks
- Chartered Engineers Certificate for Used Machinery

### Counterfeit Verification

We carry out inspections on labelling of tobacco and alcohol products against your specification to check that shipments are not counterfeit.

Intertek has continued to expand its network of offices and laboratories around the world, that together with our expertise means we can give you the assurance you need, no matter where you are located or where you are doing business. Intertek are your international quality control team.

### Container Verification:

#### Container Loading and Unloading

All Intertek inspectors are fully trained to supervise and closely monitor the loading process. Before shipping they can check the:

- Quality and condition of your goods
- Quality and condition of packaging
- Adherence to correct goods handling procedures
- Condition of the container your goods are being transported in, including safety
- Correct loading of your goods and verify all documentation

On loading once these checks are completed the container will be sealed with Intertek security seals as proof of compliance and an inspection report will be issued to you within 24 hours of loading.

During the unloading process an Intertek inspector will be present to ensure that your goods are handled with the due care and attention with which they were loaded.

Intertek can also inspect containers to certify their seaworthiness, issuing certificates that validate their usage for one year and we can perform periodic statutory inspections to ensure the correct storage and safe transport of cargo.

Each of these services significantly reduces the risk associated with importing cargo giving you confidence that all your goods will arrive in the best condition.

### Production Line Inspection:

#### AIPC (Initial Production Checks)

Intertek will inspect raw materials and components before production begins. After product samples are provided, we will verify that the factory has ordered the correct materials, components and accessories.

We will also randomly select and inspect a sample of partially produced products for potential defects, then report our findings to you. If necessary, we can provide the factory with the technical advice necessary to improve product quality and to minimise the chance of defects during production.

### DUPRO (During Production Checks)

During Production Checks are ideal for shipments of substantial quantities, product lines with continuous production, strict requirements for on time shipments, and as a follow-up if poor results are found during Pre-Production Inspection.

Normally, During Production Checks are carried out when up to 50% of the merchandise has been completed. Intertek will inspect the production batch and examine products in the line for possible defects.

At this point we will identify deviations, if any, and offer advice on corrective measures that will ensure uniformity of product and quality. We will also re-check any defects discovered during Pre-Production Inspection and confirm that they have been rectified.

### FRI (Final Random Inspections)

Final Random Inspections can begin only after production has been completed and all merchandise is ready and packed for shipment.

Using a statistical method set by industry standards, we will sample products to verify product safety, quantity, workmanship, function, colour, size, packing and more. This ensures that your product is consistent and compliant with all country, industry, or otherwise-specified requirements and that no critical major or minor defects appear.

At each stage of the production cycle an Intertek inspector will produce a full and detailed inspection report, together with a photographic record allowing you to see the work undertaken.

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