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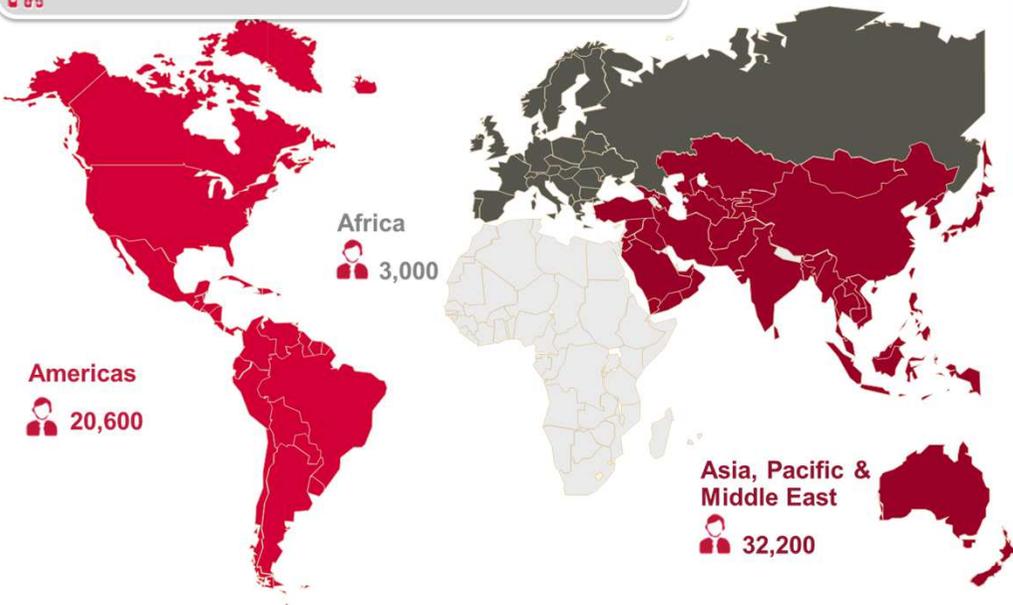
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**Americas**

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**Asia, Pacific & Middle East**

 **32,200**



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## **Bulk & Break Bulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Program THE PHILIPPINES**

### **Guidelines to Importers and Exporters**

Bureau Veritas was accredited, in December 2009, and been renewed in December 2015 by the Committee for Accreditation of Cargo Surveying Companies (CACSC) to implement the Bulk and Break Bulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Program.

The General Services and International Trade Business is accredited ISO 17020 within the scope of pre-shipment inspection activities and services of verification of conformity of imported products to national or international standards.

Bureau Veritas is one of the most widely represented French companies in the world. This worldwide coverage is provided by nearly 1,400 offices and laboratories, located in 140 countries on every continent with a total workforce of more than 73,600.

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The procedure for the Bulk and Break Bulk Cargo Clearance Enhancement Program is defined by the CAO 3-2010 and the CMO 18-2010 issued May 12 2010.

- **Bulk Cargo:** Cargoes in a mass of one commodity not packaged, bundled, bottled or otherwise packed; cargoes (dry or liquid) which are loaded (shovelled, scooped, forked, mechanically conveyed or pumped) in volume directly into a vessel's hold or cargo this is unbound as loaded, without count in a loose unpackaged form;
- **Break Bulk Cargo:** Non-containerised general cargo stored in boxes, bales, pallets or other individual units to be loaded onto or discharged from vessels; cargo loaded individually and described in terms of quantity and weight, (e.g. steel coils, logs, sacks of rice) and not in shipping containers nor in bulk as with oil or grain.



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## Procedure

- It is the responsibility of the importer to obtain from the Bureau of Customs the names and overseas addresses of Accredited Cargo Surveying Companies;
- The importers must inform their suppliers/exporters of the new regulation and give them the contacts of Bureau Veritas Offices abroad (as detailed on the Bureau Veritas website at [www.bureauveritas.com](http://www.bureauveritas.com));
- The file can be opened either by the importer (in The Philippines) or by the exporter (in the country of supply);
- The fees for inspection are proposed to the importer or to the exporter; they are paid either by the importer **in the Philippines** or by the exporter **abroad**;
- If the fees are accepted, the PLSIO (Port Load Survey Inspection Order) and a copy of the pro forma invoice are lodged, either by the importer (at Bureau Veritas LO in Manila) or by the exporter (at the Bureau Veritas office in the country of supply);
- The fees are determined according to the products, the country of export and the specific requirements of the importers/exporters; payment must be done at the opening of the PLSIO to the designated bank (in the proposal); no PLSR will be delivered prior to the payment of the fees to Bureau Veritas;
- The PLSIO data are recorded and the PLSIO assigned to the appropriate Bureau Veritas Issuing Office.
- Inspection is organised in the country of supply: exporter must advise the selected Accredited Surveying Company at least 3 (three) days prior the desired date of inspection;
- The exporter must present the goods in a manner to allow full survey to be conducted and allow full access to the surveyor of Bureau Veritas;
- Inspection is performed by Bureau Veritas' inspector in the country of supply;
- Survey has to be completed and holds sealed where necessary prior to the vessel sailing;
- After satisfactory inspection, data are captured and submitted to Bureau Veritas LO in Manila for printing and dispatching of the PLSR to the BOC, 12 hours before the arrival of the vessel in the Philippines;
- The importer has to pay the proper duties, taxes, and other fees therefore, prior to the arrival of the goods in the Philippines port of destination;
- The original LPSR (Load Port Survey Report) is printed on security paper and secured with an hologram; it is remitted to the importer for presentation to the BOC, along with the customs declaration for the fast clearance of the goods.

### Additional information

- Shipments inspected by the Accredited Cargo Surveyor at the loading port shall no longer be re-examined upon arrival in the country, but shall instead be immediately released;
- If goods are shipped without inspection, the BOC will impose a DPS (Discharge Port Survey) at the port of discharge; the importer will have to pay penalties according to CAO 6-2011; a DPSR (Discharge Port Survey Report) will be issued;
- No PLSR shall be issued where discrepancies revealed by the inspection have not been corrected;
- Any shipment surveyed in the country of origin by a surveyor who is not accredited by the Government of the Philippines will be subject to a Discharge Port Survey, at the expenses of the importer;
- In requesting for the DPS, the importer shall inform the One Stop Shop at least three (3) days prior to the estimated arrival of the shipment.

## Coverage

Inspection is mandatory for Bulk and Break Bulk Cargo; The categories of goods covered include but are not limited to the following:

- Liquids;
- Chemicals;
- Petroleum Products;
- All other cargo shipped in Bulk/Break-bulk the duties and taxes of which are normally determined by weight (e.g. wood, steel, coal, grains, etc.).

The following articles/cargoes are exempt from the coverage:

- Containerized goods;
- Airfreight cargoes.

**The full list of prohibited and restricted goods is published in the Tariff and Customs Code in the Philippines.**

### GLOSSARY

BOC:	Bureau of Customs, in Manila
BVO:	Bureau Veritas Office (country of supply)
CACSC:	Committee for Accreditation of Cargo Surveying Companies
CAO:	Customs Administrative Order
CMO:	Customs Memorandum Order
DPS:	Discharge Port Survey
DSPR:	Discharge Port Survey Report
LO:	Bureau Veritas Liaison Office in Manila
LPS:	Load Port Survey
PLSIO:	Port Loading Survey Inspection Order
PLSR:	Port Loading Survey Report

