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Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism – C-TPAT 3rd PARTY VALIDATOR – China Program

Approved by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP)

Bivac N.A., a Bureau Veritas Group Company, having been accepted by U.S CBP as a “Validator” for the China Pilot program, can assist importers from the USA that are chosen by CBP to participate in this pilot. This pilot was for a one year period and opened for 300 volunteers companies selected by CBP.

The procedures are as follows:

- CBP sends the list of authorized validators to US Companies chosen to participate.
- Company chooses authorized validator and notifies CBP within 30 days of notification.
- Company contacts authorized validator.
- Both Company and authorized validator sign “conflict of interest agreement” with CBP before proceeding to validate foreign supplier.
- Validator visits exporter facilities and bases report on the criteria set forth by CBP.
- The authorized validator submits the electronic security checklist or questionnaire plus all other information associated to the validation to CBP with 15 working days after completion of the validation.

What are the key benefits?

- A certified C-TPAT participant.
- A Secured supply chain.
- Reduce number of inspections at destination ports.
- Faster clearance of goods.
- Reduced delays.
- Peace of mind.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

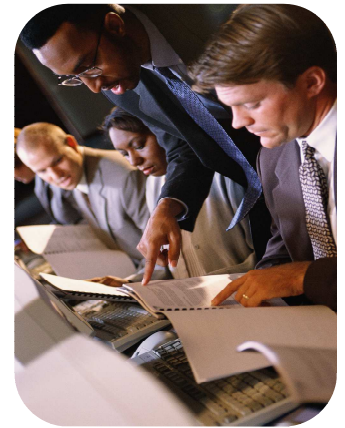
- BIVAC Asian Inspection Co. is the only wholly owned foreign inspection company allowed to operate in China.
- Bureau Veritas has a workforce of over 4,800 employees in China.
- Our inspectors and auditors are trained to meet and even exceed CBP’s requirements in performing the inspections as per C-TPAT guidelines.
- With our knowledgeable staff and our experienced working in C-TPAT as well as other security programs, Bureau Veritas can be a valuable asset in getting your Validations done promptly and efficiently.

Our Reputation

■ Bureau Veritas acts as a trade facilitation services provider on five continents and is one of the world's leading providers of import control and inspection services.

Our Certification and Accreditation

■ Bureau Veritas is certified ISO 9001 worldwide and is the first inspection body in the world to have its network accredited ISO 17020 within the scope of its Pre-Shipment Inspection and Verification of Conformity activities.





Our Network

■ Our global presence offers you the convenience of international expertise combined with local service where you need it.

Our Proven experience

■ Bureau Veritas was founded in 1828. Through its dedicated subsidiary BIVAC International, it has more than 20 years' experience in trade facilitation services performed on behalf of numerous clients.

Founding member of IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies)

■ The trade association for inspection agencies and other organizations that provide inspection, testing and certification services internationally. Bureau Veritas complies with the IFIA Compliance Code and PSI Code of Practice.

FAQ

What is Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)?

C-TPAT is a voluntary government-business initiative to build cooperative relationships that strengthen and improve overall international supply chain and U.S border security. C-TPAT recognizes that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can provide the highest level of cargo security only through close cooperation with the ultimate owners of the international supply chain such as importers, carriers, consolidators, licensed customs brokers, and manufacturers. Through this initiative, CBP is asking businesses to ensure the integrity of their security practices and communicate and verify the security guidelines of their business partners within the supply chain.

For more information go to : <http://www.cbp.gov>

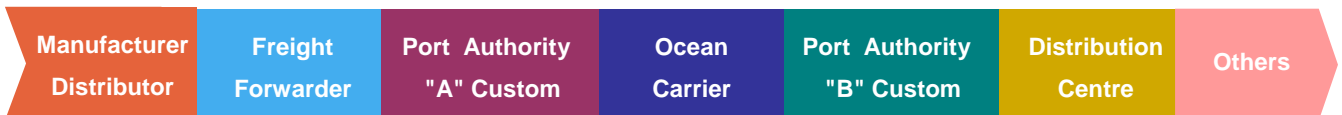
Where in the supply chain can I apply the services provided by Bureau Veritas?

These services are offered at any stage of the production process and throughout the supply chain.

TRADE FACILITATION REFERENCES

- Algeria
- Angola
- Argentina
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Colombia
- Congo
- Congo D.R.
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Sudan
- Venezuela
- Yemen

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