

Goods Requiring Pre-shipment Inspection Certificates

Description:

- This service allows importers of items listed in Serial 5 of Annex 3 of Regulation 770 of 2005 to clear imported consignments intended for trade or production use with only visual inspection under the following conditions:
 1. Presenting a verified and approved inspection certificate meeting the conditions in Serial 5 of Annex 3 of Regulation 770 of 2005.
 2. The items must be from a producer registered with GOEIC according to Article 94 of Regulation 770 of 2005 (Visual Inspection Lists).
- Consignments intended for trade or production use of these items are subject to random inspection.
- You can visit the following link to view the items subject to and the rules governing Serial 5 of Annex 3 of Regulation 770 of 2005 according to Decision 961/2012, amended by Decisions 991-2015, 96-2022, and 403-2022.

Advantages:

- Immediate release of consignments after visual conformity, subject to random inspection according to the governing rules.
- Reduction of clearance time.
- Assurance that the factory operates according to international standards.
- Ensuring high-quality product standards.
- Addressing the influx of non-compliant imports.

Location:

- Pre-inspection and issuance of the inspection certificate are conducted by an approved inspection and review company listed with GOEIC and available on the portal.
- The pre-shipment inspection certificate is submitted at the window in GOEIC branches at various ports.

Required Documents for Service:

- Fulfillment of all documents required for issuing the pre-inspection certificate by the inspection companies registered with GOEIC.

Conditions:

1. Presenting a valid verified and approved inspection certificate that includes the following:
 - Details of the incoming consignment, including:
 - Invoice number.

- Importer's name and address.
 - Producer's name and address.
 - Items.
 - Quantity, value, number, origin.
 - Inspection and test results indicating compliance with the approved Egyptian standards.
 - The certificate must be issued by an accredited body recognized by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) or by an Egyptian or foreign entity with accredited laboratories specialized in the required tests for each item.
 - The issuing body must be registered with GOEIC.
 - Consignment details on the inspection certificate must match the invoice details.
 - The shipping date on the bill of lading must not exceed the validity period of the pre-shipment inspection certificate.
 - The inspection certificate must not be issued after shipment.
2. For items subject to Decision 43/2016 and Decision 44/2019, the following conditions must also be met:
- The producing company or brand owner must be registered in the factory register according to these decisions.
 - All consignment details on the pre-shipment inspection certificate must match the factory or brand owner registration details according to Decisions 43/2016 and 44/2019.

Procedures for Obtaining the Service:

1. Submit the pre-shipment inspection certificate with the consignment documents at the window.
2. Verify on the GOEIC portal that the issuing inspection company is registered with GOEIC and that its accreditation includes the items on the certificate.
3. Ensure the pre-shipment inspection certificate is issued by an accredited branch in the field of inspecting the items on the certificate.
4. Ensure the consignment details on the inspection certificate match the invoice details submitted at the window.
5. Ensure the pre-shipment inspection certificate is valid.
6. Ensure all consignment details on the pre-shipment inspection certificate match the factory or brand owner registration details according to Decisions 43/2016 and 44/2019.
7. Match the consignment content with the invoice and the inspection certificate.
8. If the pre-shipment inspection certificate meets all conditions, only visual inspection is required for the items on the certificate, with the consignment subject to random inspection rules.
9. If the inspection certificate is rejected, the importer can appeal for inspection in GOEIC laboratories.
10. If the pre-shipment inspection certificate is not submitted, the import violation can be settled with the sector as follows:
 - Receive a rejection notice from the window for not meeting the import restriction.

- Go to customs for sector referral.
 - Visit the Foreign Trade Sector at the Ministry of Finance Towers to obtain settlement approval.
 - Obtain a settlement letter with the sector by paying an amount equal to the consignment value.
 - Submit the letter at the window for processing.
 - File an appeal at the window to proceed with the procedures and attach a copy of the settlement letter.
 - If the appeal is approved, proceed with the consignment procedures.
10. In case of technical rejection due to non-compliance with import restrictions and no settlement with the sector:
- The consignment is permanently rejected, and the importer can request re-export or destruction within two weeks of being notified of the rejection if the consignment is outside the customs area.

Notes:

1. You can contact the branch of the inspection and review company in Egypt listed on the GOEIC portal to coordinate with the accredited branch for inspecting the item.
2. The invoice is the importer's responsibility and must match the pre-shipment inspection certificate details.
3. Specifying the relevant standard is the responsibility of the inspection company.
4. If the consignment complies with Decisions 43/2016 or 44/2022 and the pre-shipment inspection certificate reveals brands or factories or items not listed in the company or factory registration according to Decisions 43/2016 or 44/2022, the inspection certificate is rejected.
5. If the shipping date according to the bill of lading exceeds 45 days from the inspection date on the inspection certificate, the inspection certificate is rejected.
6. If the delayed arrival is due to the shipping company, the inspection certificate is not rejected.
7. If the incoming item is clothing, bags, or shoes, inspection can be carried out in GOEIC-accredited laboratories for these items without presenting a pre-shipment inspection certificate.