

## **Programme: Nigeria : Destination Inspection Programme**

### **Objectives:**

- To strengthen the capacity of Nigeria Customs Service by replacing Pre-shipment Inspection with inspection of imports on arrival in Nigeria using latest technology tools and on the job training.
- To facilitate trade through risk management and the use on non-intrusive inspection (x-ray scanning) of imports thereby minimising the need for physical examination.
- To enhance Government import revenue collection and the detection of illegal and mis-declared imports

**Mandating Authority:** Federal Ministry of Finance, Ahmadu Bello Way, Central Area, Abuja.

**Commencement Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006

**Implementing Regulations:** "Import Guidelines, Procedures and Documentation Requirements under the Destination Inspection Scheme in Nigeria" published by the Federal Ministry of Finance, Home Finance Department, Abuja (April, 2006.)

### **Appointed Destination Inspection Service Providers:**

The service providers have been appointed according to the port or land border post of entry of imports into Nigeria:-

- SGS : Port Harcourt sea port and airport, Onne seaport and Idiroko border post
- Cotecna: Apapa, Tin Can Island, Kano, Abuja, Jibiya, Banki
- Global Scan: Lagos airport, Warri, Calabar, Seme.

### **Scope of Service:**

- Provision, maintenance and operation of cargo x-ray scanning machines in selected Nigerian ports in cooperation with the Nigeria Customs Service.
- Risk management support to facilitate import clearance of compliant low risk transactions
- Provision of databases, information and technical support to facilitate (a) valuation, classification and import eligibility verification by Nigeria Customs Service and (b) verification of export market prices for Government information purposes.

**Imports Exempted from the Programme:** Explosives and pyrotechnic products, arms, ammunition, weapons and implements of war, used motor vehicles, personal effects, perishable goods, supplies to diplomatic consulate missions and international organisations for their own needs, petroleum products (HS 27.10 excluding base oils and lubricating oils).

**Service Order:** SGS intervenes based on a Form M Application, with a copy of the Proforma Invoice or Purchase Order, which the importer submits to an Authorised Dealer Bank which, after approval, submits it to SGS for verification and acceptance.

**Result of SGS Intervention:** Based on the final documents (Seller's final invoice, Combined Certificate of Value and Origin [CCVO as per Form C.16], Packing List and Transport Document [B/L, Air Waybill or Road Waybill]) which are submitted to SGS from the Authorised Dealer Bank, SGS issues, within 5 working days for sea shipments or within 2 working days for air or land shipments, a Risk Assessment Report (RAR). The RAR is sent to Customs for their guidance and a copy is sent to the importer through the Authorised Dealer Bank. The RAR is a document required by Customs for import clearance and importers are required to submit a copy of it with their Single Goods Declarations (SGD) and shipping documents.

**Cargo Scanning:** If the goods are selected by Customs for cargo scanning, a summary of the clearance process is published in the SGS pamphlet "Scanning Guidelines for Importers and Clearing Agents".