Bureau Veritas Services

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Crude Oil & Petroleum Products Inspection

Delivering assurance on the quality and quantity of your shipments

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

International trade is on the rise and involves an increasing number of players including producers, exporters, importers, traders, banks, insurance companies, government bodies and international organizations. In any transaction where goods are bought and sold, there is a transfer of ownership. The various parties need support from an independent third party to provide reassurance of the conformity of cargoes. They also need quick reporting from the field about quality and quantity or any other specific aspect of the product.

SOLUTION

What is Crude Oil & Petroleum Products Inspection?
Crude Oil & Petroleum Products Inspection involves inspecting for quantity and quality. Such inspections can be performed at different stages in the product cycle including at the production site, on producing platforms, at storage locations, during draining of crude oil, at loading or unloading installations, on vessels, or in road tank trucks. Bureau Veritas inspectors survey the operations, report on the visual condition of the cargo, perform shore and ship tank measurements, and draw samples to check quality by laboratory analysis.
Other specific services can be provided such as Gas Free & Bunker Surveys, Terminal Audits, and Loss Control consultancy to help traders calculate and prove the demurrages of vessels. Daily reporting is provided to the client during any operation, from arrival of the vessel at the Terminal up to the completion of loading or discharge. As soon as loading or discharge operation is completed, a global report is sent by e-mail.

What are the key benefits?
- Reassurance of actual weight and quality (or other criteria) of products
- Ability to react in time and protect client's interests in case of a problem
- Third Party inspection results can be used to support sales.
- The certificate may also be used as one of the documents to present with a letter of credit

RELATED SERVICES

Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of services related to trade facilitation:

- Preshipment Inspection (PSI)
- Control by X-ray Scanner
- Verification of Conformity (VOC)
- VeriVALUE database
- SMART*Lane* (Bureau Veritas Risk Management Solution)
- Inspection of Agrifood & Commodities
- Inspection of Mineral Products
- Verification of Wood Products for Export
- Vehicle Inspection Services (VIS)
- Vehicle Damage Tracking (VDT)
- Vehicle Stock Control (VSC)
- Vehicle Lease Inspections
- General Trade Services
- Customs Classification Code Service (CCCS)
- Supply Chain Security Services (SCSS)
- Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
- Monitoring of Transport Vehicles (Tracking)

In addition to Crude Oil & Petroleum Products inspection, Bureau Veritas also provide:

- Training
- Audits
- Consultancy

Details can be obtained upon request. Bureau Veritas is also active up and downstream of the trade in the Petroleum Industry and distribution sector, providing a full range of inspections and certifications. Some of these services are built to be compatible and can be combined to generate efficiency, consistency and optimization.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

Reputation ■ Bureau Veritas is one of the world's leading providers of import control and inspection services. Established in 1828, Bureau Veritas acts as Trade Facilitation services provider on five continents.
Our network ■ Our global presence offers you the convenience of international expertise combined with local service where you need it.
Personalized service ■ Bureau Veritas adapts its services to your needs. Bureau Veritas has developed and implemented several solutions to make the service more efficient and to help companies to integrate new stakes and transform them into operational result.
Recognition ■ Bureau Veritas is a member of the Petroleum Committee of the IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies). All our operations are performed according to API procedures and ASTM methods. Internationally recognized by the most important organizations, Bureau Veritas is certified ISO 9001:2000. The inspection activity of the Government Services & International Trade Division is accredited ISO 17020.

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OUR APPROACH

Missions are performed in accordance with our internal procedures which are compatible with those set up by international standards or professional organizations. They can be briefly described as follows:

• Scope definition
The client defines the framework and scope of the inspection with Bureau Veritas. This can include the specifications of the product to be inspected, the issuing of a specific check-list and the definition of our involvement. The reporting format is agreed with the client in order to meet expectations.

• Petroleum products inspection
Once the scope of mission is defined, Bureau Veritas allocates experienced inspector/s to attend on site according to inspection order including all required information (specifications, check-list, etc.).

• Reporting
The field report is transmitted to the local office which in turn informs the client on a regular basis about operations progress and inspection results. When required a final Inspection Report or Certificate will be issued and transmitted to the client.

FAQ

Do you have your own staff?
Yes, we operate our own structure on the majority of missions.

Are your inspectors qualified?
All our inspectors are qualified within the IFIA (International Federation of Inspection Agencies) Inspector scheme
(see http://www.ifia-federation.org/).

CUSTOMER REFERENCE

We inspect on behalf of the National Petroleum Company of an important African country all crude oil, fuel oil and liquefied petroleum gas in order to assist the authorities in controlling tax, pollution, exportations, and the method of loading at terminals.

Bureau Veritas is the Marine and Cargo Superintendent of a North American crude oil Importing Company. Our duties include:
• Ensuring that all operations are performed safely.
• Minimizing the owner's demurrage exposure
• Providing data and information that will enable the owner to endeavor to develop best practices per facility
• Ensure that the owner receives the quality and quantity of cargo that it is being invoiced for.

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