

Pre Shipment Inspection / Import Supervision

Pre-shipment inspection (PSI) or import supervision assists clients and governments to assure their import revenues and minimise the risk of counterfeit or illegal imports. This service may include the verification of goods with respect to quality, quantity, export market price, consistency, laboratory testing and analysis, import eligibility and customs value. Inspections may be used to verify that goods conform to the contractual specifications, the value and customs tariff code, packing review and loading supervision. The PSI activity is sometimes agreed between a client, the PSI provider and a bank, and it can be used to initiate payment for a letter of credit.



THE Applus+ SOLUTION

Applus+ has a network of ISO 9001:2000 certified offices and a presence in over 70 countries worldwide. We have been providing pre-shipment inspections around the world for over 20 years.

Applus+ provides its customers with full access to all their PSI activity within its online inspection management tool, AMIS.

We are keenly aware that the timeliness of information flow is critical in this service line, hence testing and inspection results are made available online through the AMIS system and very tight key performance indicators maintained that such delays to the import process are kept to an absolute minimum.

We use a variety of other techniques to add value for the client, including photographs, videos, security labels, container seals, etc.

Target customers

Both governments and private clients may request pre-shipment inspection services for the importing of goods or commodities.

The inspection takes place either at the manufacturer's facility or a shipping agent's premises or warehouse, immediately prior to the final shipment to the destination country. Samples are normally selected at random, according to standards and procedures.

Key customer benefits

Pre-shipment inspection protects client and government revenues through the detailed inspection and verification of goods due for import, and therefore eliminating the need to transfer funds to other countries and the payment of taxes and duties for erroneous or counterfeit goods.

PSI services also help clients and governments to ensure compliance with global and local standards, legislation and guidelines for the import and export of goods.

This service also benefits importers by expediting their clearance process.