



**NOTIFICATION OF PRESHIPMENT ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL  
REGULATION (EC) No 3287/94**

GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE		
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">BURUNDI</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION</h3>	
<i>This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to Burundi and supplements our publication "Pre-shipment Inspection Programme: Guidelines for Exporters"</i>		
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1. PRESHIPMENT INSPECTION (PSI) MANDATE	
PSI MANDATED BY	Ministry of Finance
THE COUNTRY IS A MEMBER OF THE WTO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPLICABLE REGULATION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ordonnance Ministérielle n° 540/054 dated January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006</li> <li>- Bank Regulation C - Imports - 2nd Chapter application Section II and Third Chapter 5.6.78</li> <li>- BRB Circular D1/256/2000 dated July 31st, 2000</li> <li>- BRB Circular D1/145/2006 dated April 05<sup>th</sup>, 2006</li> </ul>
APPOINTED PSI COMPANY(IES)	SGS
SELECTION OF PSI COMPANIES	Not applicable
SCOPE OF PSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality and Quantity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Quality &amp; quantity (For Customs purposes only)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export Market Price (For Foreign Exchange purposes)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Export Market Price (For Govt.Information purposes)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Value for Customs purposes based on Agreement Customs Valuation (ACV)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customs classification (HS 2007 version) (For voluntary and mandatory scheme)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Import eligibility</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentary check of Origin (COMESA countries)</li> <li>• <u>Documentary Verification (Documentary Control)</u>.- DIPs under the Floor Value will be processed by SGS and subject to Documentary Control.</li> <li>• <b>FCL sealing</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

MINIMUM ORDER VALUE SUBJECT TO PSI	USD 5000.- CFR Burundi; USD 3000.- CFR for foodstuffs, chemicals, pharmaceuticals products and rags
PART SHIPMENT	Subject to PSI if total order value exceeds minimum order value
EXEMPTIONS FROM PSI	See Section 7

## 2. INTERVENTION ORDER "I.O." (The instruction for SGS to intervene)

I.O NAME	Declaration of Intention of Import (DII)
ISSUED BY	Commercial Bank
VALIDITY :	12 months
AMOUNT BY WHICH I.O. VALUE MAY BE EXCEEDED	Subject to justification and additional or modified DII required for excess amount
CHANGES FROM SEA TO AIR	Permissible if importer agrees
DESTINATION INSPECTION	Only non-sensitive goods i.e. other than chemical, food and pharmaceutical products will be inspected at destination under special authorization of the Administration and will be liable to a fine.

## 3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS / RESTRICTION

SEALING OF FCL CONTAINERS REQUIRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
SECOND HAND GOODS LICENCE/APPROVAL REQUIRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROHIBITED IMPORTS	See section 8
RESTRICTED IMPORTS	See section 9
LABELLING REQUIREMENTS	See section 9
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	N/A

## 4. PRICE COMPARISON / SELLER'S INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

BUYING / CONFIRMING COMMISSION	Prohibited, except special derogation from the Bank of the Republic of Burundi
INSURANCE	Coverage overseas permitted.
FINANCIAL INTEREST	To be specified separately on the DII because must be approved by the Bank of the Republic of Burundi
FINAL INVOICE TO SHOW	FOB, freight, ancillary charges, total value

## 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ISSUE REPORT	a) Final invoice, transport document (B/L or AWB), Certificate of Origin (for PTA - COMESA)
TYPE OF REPORT ISSUED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To the importer:</b> Clean Report of Findings (CRF) or Non-Negotiable Report of Findings (NNRF). (In the latter case original NNRF is sent to BRB). Security Label or Inspection Report: for transactions subject to Documentary Control.</li> <li>• <b>To the seller:</b> Security Label or Discrepancy Report</li> </ul>
REPORT PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Security Label for Sellers:</b> Payment of goods / Transfer of foreign exchange. Security Label for Importers (after DC): Customs clearance of goods under floor value for PSI.</li> <li>• <b>CRF:</b> Customs clearance of goods.</li> </ul>

## 6. INSPECTION FEES

Paid by importer through the BRB. Nevertheless, SGS may invoice the seller in the event of abortive inspection visits. The costs incurred by the seller in presenting the goods for inspection, such as unpacking, repacking, etc, are for the account of the seller.

## 7. LISTING OF GOODS EXEMPTED FROM PSI

- a) Used personal and household effects.
- b) Supplies to diplomatic and consular missions and supplies to international agencies dependent on the United Nations Organization or international, regional or sub-regional organizations imported into Burundi for their own use.
- c) Goods imported by parcel post.
- d) Goods financed by foreign aid contracted by the government or the private sector if the direct supplier is a foreign government. In such a case, the Bank of the Republic of Burundi reserves itself the right to require inspection of quality and quantity.
- e) Live animals
- f) Meat and eadible offals, fresh, chilled or frozen.
- g) Fish, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen.
- h) Crustaceans, molluscs and shellfish, fresh (live or dead), chilled, frozen.
- i) Bird's eggs.
- j) Vegetables.
- k) Edible fruits.
- l) Explosives and pyrotechnic materials.
- m) Printed newspapers and periodicals, whether or not illustrated.
- n) Precious stones and metals.
- o) Scrap metal.
- p) Arms, ammunition and war equipment destined to the Army.
- q) Objects of art and antiques.
- r) Fuel

#### 8. PROHIBITED IMPORTS

- Narcotics.
- Pornographic publications.

#### 9. RESTRICTED IMPORTS

- List not communicated to SGS yet

#### 10. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Nom et adresse du Bureau de Liaison / Name and Address of the Liaison Office :  
SGS SA – Bureau de Liaison Burundi  
19 bis, Avenue de l'Industrie  
B.P 75 Bujumbura  
Burundi  
Tel : +257 22 243334 ou +257 22 243338  
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#### 11. INSPECTION ZONES AND RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES

- SGS responsible worldwide

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