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BUREAU VERITAS INTERNATIONAL TRADE: AGRI-COMMODITIES

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A Business to Business to Society Company



Bureau Veritas is a world leader in testing, inspection and certification services with a powerful purpose: **to shape a world of trust by ensuring responsible progress.**

With a vision to be the preferred partner for its customers' excellence and sustainability, the company innovates to help them navigate change.

Established in 1828, Bureau Veritas' delivers services in 140 countries. The company's technical experts support customers to address challenges in quality, health, safety, environmental protection, and sustainability.

BUREAU VERITAS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Bureau Veritas has been operating in Southern Africa for over two decades leveraging its global expertise to support industry-specific needs across the region. With presence in **South Africa, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Namibia**, Bureau Veritas delivers testing, inspection and certification services to ensure safety, compliance and quality across the region for both the public and private sectors.

Our employees serve our clients and are inspired by society; they make **Bureau Veritas a Business to Business to Society service** company that contributes to positively transforming the world we live in.



AGRI-COMMODITIES SERVICES

Bureau Veritas' services minimize risk for Agri-Commodities businesses, with stringent controls at every stage of the supply chain.

HELPING AGRI-COMMODITIES TRADERS TRADE WITH CONFIDENCE

Businesses within the Agri-Commodities sector need to minimize risk while maximizing control at throughout the supply chain. Goods must be transported in clean carriers: **ship holds and hatches, tanks, containers, trucks, rail cars, and barges**. Agri-commodities players must also ensure the quality, quantity, and value of traded commodities, and adhere to safety and compliance requirements for all global destinations.

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

We support our clients with a complete range of testing, inspection, and certification services to provide agri-commodities businesses with the confidence to trade.

FROM FARM TO FORK: INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES

GRAIN & OIL SEED TESTING

- Supervision of loading and discharge operations
- Laboratory services
- Supervision and sampling during inland trucking, rail, and barge loading
- Supervision of weighing, quantity control, and tally verification
- Contractual sampling and sealing
- Temperature monitoring
- Draft surveys
- Supervision of fumigation and grain dyeing
- Seal breaking
- Storage quality assessment, storage management, inventory control, and stock monitoring
- Damage surveys
- Analysis of residues, mycotoxins, aflatoxins, and GMOs
- Grain quality analysis, including grading according to relevant standards
- On-site continuous sampling and quality control at loading elevators
- Quality assessment and analysis of sublot and hold samples to determine accurate evaluation of goods post-shipment
- Sustainability verification audits

LOADING & DISCHARGE SUPERVISION INSPECTION SERVICES

- Vessel cleanliness inspections
- Daily operational status updates
- Draft surveys
- Quality and quantity verification
- Sealing of cargo holds
- Witnessing of weighing operations and sampling



GRADING, STANDARDIZATION & PACKING

Bureau Veritas offers independent testing and inspection services to verify product quality against contractual standards.

During shipment, key quality aspects—such as temperature, insect presence, and organoleptic traits—are continuously monitored on the loading conveyor. If abnormalities are found, shipment is halted and goods are replaced.

We conduct preliminary grade assessments for each agreed parcel size (e.g., 500 or 2,500 tons), with final certification based on laboratory analysis.

Physical quality checks include:

- Hectoliter weight
- Foreign particles
- Damaged, broken, or discolored kernels
- Moisture content
- If any values fall outside specified limits, corrective action is taken.

Representative samples are tested in certified labs. Upon request, detailed analysis per hold can include:

- Protein, fat, fiber
- Dry/wet gluten
- Gluten index
- Falling number

QUALITY & QUANTITY SERVICES

- Verification of sampling equipment calibration
- Supervision or execution of proper sampling increments
- Independent inspection of bulk or bagged goods during loading or discharge
- Sample preparation to ensure quality, traceability, and suitability for laboratory analysis
- Laboratory testing to confirm compliance with regulatory and contractual standards

GENERAL TRADE SERVICES

Third-party inspections or brand audits focused on visual quality and appearance, conducted at any stage during production or the supply chain.

Objectives :

- Verify product compliance in terms of workmanship and quantity
- Reduce production error rates
- Optimize commercial practices and production flow

Key Benefits:

- Confidence in the manufacturer's ability to meet requirements
- Reduced costs from production defects
- Assurance that shipped goods match the order
- Compliance with regulations and contract specifications
- Third-Party Inspection Services
- Cargo superintendence across all service areas
- Weight verification
- Quality verification
- Container and tally inspections



PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY OF PRODUCT ORIGINS AND QUALITY, WHILE SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

Bureau Veritas builds trust in global trade and supply chains. We partner with businesses across industries to ensure product integrity, regulatory compliance, and operational excellence at every stage—from production to delivery. With our comprehensive inspection, testing, and certification services, we help safeguard quality, reduce risk, and support sustainable growth in a rapidly evolving global marketplace.

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