



DOCUMENT WEIGHING CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT

DEFINITION	<p>The public weighing and weight certification service uses weighbridges to determine the weights of goods and products intended for export. Weighing is systematic for coffee, cocoa, cotton and cashew nuts exports, and is carried out under the administrative supervision of the Coffee and Cocoa Council (CCC) and the Cotton and Cashew Council (CCA). Imported goods are weighed on a sample basis at the discretion of the Director General of Customs. The weighing certificate issued at the end of the weighing process by sworn agents has legal force and is therefore authentic in the event of a dispute. It certifies not only the weight of the goods and products but also their packaging, destination and nature.</p>
PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION	<p>In Côte d'Ivoire, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Côte d'Ivoire (CCI - CI) is the structure authorized by the State to certify the weight of products for import and export at the customs cordon. The CCI-CI is responsible for validating the determination of the VGM according to one of the two methods defined (see below) and transmitting the data electronically to the shippers and the shipping line. The two methods defined to obtain the verified gross weight (VGM) require the certification of the competent authority of the State in which the stuffing and sealing are carried out.</p> <p><u>Method 1</u> This consists in determining the verified gross weight (VGM) of the loaded and sealed container using an approved weight-measuring instrument: a weighbridge, a load cell, or any other approved weighing equipment. From a weighbridge, the VGM is obtained after two weighings: - the 1st weighing is done with the lorry loaded with the container, giving a P1 weight; - the 2nd weighing is done with the empty lorry (without the container) to obtain a P2 weight. The VGM is automatically printed on the weighing ticket by calculating P1-P2. NB: the operation can be reversed: 1st weighing = empty lorry 2nd weighing = truck with the container.</p> <p><u>Method 2</u> This consists of determining the verified gross weight (VGM) of the container obtained by following the five-step procedure described below:</p>

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	<p>- step 1: the weight of each of the goods enclosed in the container is obtained either using an appropriate weighing instrument, or from the manufacturers, or by retrieving it from a database;</p> <p>- step 2: the weights of the packaging of the goods are obtained either using an appropriate weighing instrument, from the manufacturers, or by retrieving them from the database of the professional responsible for the stuffing;</p> <p>- step 3: the weights of the pallets, fastening and dunnage materials and any other securing materials to be loaded into the container are obtained, either using an appropriate weighing instrument, from the manufacturers or by recovering them from a database held by the professional responsible for the stuffing.</p> <p>- step 4: the tare weight indicated on the container is used,</p> <p>- step 5: all the weights obtained in steps 1 to 4 are added together. These weights must appear on the empotage slip or packing slip and will be checked and validated by the CCI-CI Weight Inspector.</p> <p>The compulsory information that must appear on the packing slip:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the container number (11 characters without /);2. the container seal number;3. the booking number;4. the weighing date (format yyyy/mm/dd hh:mm:ss);5. the VGM (in Kg);6. the SOLAS method used (M1 or M2);7. the name of the entity responsible in Capital (shipper/forwarder).
STATE STRUCTURE(S) INVOLVED	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Côte d'Ivoire - http://www.cci.ci/3.0
COST	For seed cotton: 1.79 FCFA/Kg (CCA) For fibre cotton: 4.16 FCFA/Kg (CCA)
DELIVERY TIME	Immediately
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY	
LEGAL BASIS (LEGAL REFERENCE)	Decree no. 2012.1008 of 17 October 2012 for Coffee and Cocoa

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