



AGRI SERVICES

# AGRITRADE INSPECTION SERVICES

Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification

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# Total Quality Assurance for the Agricultural Trade Industry

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In our globalised economy goods travel great distances from source to destination, exposing buyers and traders to various risks along the supply chain. At every stage, from farm to warehouse to port, there is a need to monitor and control the quality and quantity of the goods in order to avoid costly delays associated with numerous regulatory requirements.

We understand that each stage presents its own unique challenges. Our teams work closely together to protect the interests of our customers applying their knowledge and expertise in the agricultural trade industry.



Intertek is a leading testing, inspection and certification body, accredited by the IFIA. We offer a suite of agricultural commodity inspection services, designed to reduce the risks associated with shipping by monitoring the quality and quantity of your cargo, from source to destination.

### Pre-shipment inspection

To be sure your produce arrives safely and intact at its destination the best place to start is at source. Early detection of problems saves time, money and brand reputation. Our pre-shipment inspection services can be tailored to suit your specific requirements, but all serve to ensure that your product is packed, loaded and shipped according to your specifications.

Whether at farms, warehouses or export terminals, our worldwide network of qualified inspectors can be onsite wherever they're needed, ready to provide pre-shipment inspection services including supervision, weighing, sampling, stock monitoring, and laboratory backed testing for quality and safety.

### Loading and discharge supervision

Risk to your goods during shipment can be mitigated through reliable, meticulous supervision during loading and unloading. Our qualified inspectors are located at the world's major ports, ready to provide services including supervision, weighing, sampling and testing. They are qualified to issue certifications of condition, weight and quality.

We also offer a Full Outturn Guarantee service (FOG). FOG insures you against any discrepancy between our certified weights at loading and discharge, and protects you from the risk of incurring unknown costs related to a weight shortfall.

### Cargo weighing supervision and draft surveys

Accurate, verified weighing at port terminals is essential for protecting the value of your cargo. Our global team of experts can supervise weighing on loading and discharge at ports all over in the world.

Weighing guidelines are product dependent and vary from country to country. Our on-site supervisors are able to negotiate local regulations and any specific requirements for your cargo. They will also verify the quality of measurement by checking scales are regularly calibrated, records properly maintained, and that there are valid certificates issued by competent authorities.

Our qualified surveyors can also carry out draft surveys, to further support weight information given on Bills of Lading. Using internationally accepted standards and accounting for local factors, our surveyors can

determine the weight of cargo by measuring the water displacement of a vessel before and after loading or discharge.

As a respected global operator, our weighing supervision and draft survey report services are widely used by major trading houses to protect their interests and avoid the risk of losses caused by inaccurate weighing.

### Tank and hold cleanliness inspection/calibration

Understanding the condition of tanks and holds is vital for the safe shipping of your cargo. Contamination, infestation or damp could damage or destroy it, while refusal to load due to suspected cleanliness issues could be costly.

Our qualified inspectors check that holds and tanks are clean and dry, untainted by previous cargo and free from infestation. They verify, where possible, that hatches function, and assess whether there is adequate ventilation. They also make recommendations for stowage based on the specific cargo being transported.

An expert independent evaluation allows you to make informed decisions and if necessary, effectively negotiate with ship owners for measures to be taken to preserve your goods, and your investment.

### The benefits

Choosing us as your inspection services partner gives you access to a global network of qualified professionals, in order to manage risk, control quality and quantity, and comply with international standards from source to delivery.

We are committed to bringing reliability, transparency and integrity to the complex and risk-prone world of cargo shipping. We take an integrated approach to inspection services, offering you traceability throughout your entire supply chain. As a global operator with over 1,000 offices and 42,000 employees worldwide and strong local networks, we are in a position to understand local challenges, and we have the ability to apply global solutions, protecting your interests all over the world.



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