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Cotecna renews PSI license to operate in Angola

On December 17, 2007, the Angolan government renewed Cotecna's annual licensing for Pre-Shipment Inspection. Cotecna was awarded the original the licensing agreement in October 2006.

This Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) scheme launched by the government of Angola, allows importers to select the company they wish to inspect and certify their imports to Angola.

Angola today operates a selective PSI whereby only a pre-defined list of goods is subject to compulsory PSI. Compulsory PSI is required for reasons linked to the protection of public health and the environment, and is intended to cover primarily medicines, foodstuffs, chemical products, tobacco, etc. as well as those cases of imports which involve major risks for the collection of tax revenues.

Since Cotecna started operations in Luanda in October 2006, Cotecna offices have been opened in the provinces of Cabinda, Lobito and St Clara. Cotecna also opened an office in Porto, Portugal in order to continue to ensure the highest quality of service to handle the increasing amount of inspection of exports leaving Portugal for Angola,

Today Cotecna has a total of 72 employees in Angola and plan to open new offices in Namibe and Luanda in order to respond to customers' demands.

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