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Services offered by Cotecna in Ecuador

Since 1996, all goods entering the country with a declared value below USD 4,000 are subject to a program of physical aforo en destino implemented by the same four inspection companies that previously provided the Pre-Shipment Inspection service under the Ecuador contract. It consists of physical inspection of goods performed at the port of entry as well as valuation and tariff code classification of goods for the determination of customs' duties.

Under this scheme however, the importer cannot select the inspection company as they are rotated on a weekly basis through the various ports and airports as instructed by Customs. The goods are therefore inspected by the company on duty at the time.

The inspection company's report serves as the basis for the importer's payment of customs' duties.