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## Senegal

### Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards

#### Pre-Shipment Regulations

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**Report Highlights:**

Senegalese government awarded a pre-shipment contract to COTECNA, a Swiss-based firm, in 2001. It is the sole pre-shipment inspection company with its contract ending in 2005.

Pre-shipment inspection applies to all imported goods valued at least 3 million F CFA.

COTECTNA's approved value of goods constitute the basis for customs valuation. Products exempted from pre-shipment include live animals, perishable goods for human consumption and cereals imported by the public sector.

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## Executive Summary

In July 2001, the Senegalese government granted the contract for pre-shipment inspection program to a Swiss-based firm, COTECNA. It is the sole pre-shipment inspection company in Senegal with its contract ending in 2005. The pre-shipment inspection applies to all imported goods valued at least 3 million F CFA. The COTECNA's approved value of goods constitutes the basis for customs valuation. Before any shipment is made, the inspection company must inspect all goods of FOB import value equal or greater than 3 million F CFA in the supplier's country followed by presentation of a favorable report of its findings.

Senegalese officials often request laboratory testing of meat and poultry, which have already received an approving inspection certificate from USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS). U.S. exports of frozen poultry and parts have often faced problems in Senegal because they tested positive for Salmonella. Senegalese authorities demand zero percent Salmonella presence. Also, Senegalese authorities demand certification for dioxin-free U.S. poultry. These issues have not posed much problem recently. Post believes that the Senegalese government raises these sanitary problems when pressured by the local industry.

Documents required for exporting to Senegal are as follows:

1. Two copies of the commercial invoice indicating the name of the exporter and the importer; their addresses; the name of the product; the product weight; the CIF value and the product quantity; and a complete description of the merchandise. These should be in French language or accompanied by a French translation to avoid misinterpretation at the Customs entry point. (For instance, Senegalese customs official used to mistake manufacturing date for expiring date resulting in delaying shipment).
2. A pro Forma Invoice. This should contain the same information as the Commercial Invoice.
3. A certificate of Origin. This documentation provides import origin, quantity, quality and the value of product subject to customs duties.
4. The pre-shipment inspection certificate.

Products exempted from pre-shipment inspection include, live animals, perishable goods for human consumption and Cereals imported by the public sector or approved by the public sector.

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Exchange Rate: U.S. \$1 = 510 F CFA on February 18, 2004.