



Used Equipment Market in China

The used equipment market in China is huge, however, under current Chinese regulations the procedure for buying used equipment from outside of China is complex.

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) is the responsible Chinese government agency that handles the importation of used equipment as well as the General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM).

The Chinese government has issued 19 documents that provide guidance on how to go through importation procedures. All documents can be found at the Guangdong Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau (GDCIQ) webpage: [Click here to access the site](#); (All documents are in Chinese)

3 Step Procedure for Importing Used Equipment

Import license

Import certificates (if required) are issued by the MOFCOM or its provincial office before the importation of second-hand mechanical and electrical equipment. It is the consignee of the equipment or their agent that must obtain the required certificates before importation.

Record filing

At least 90 days before the arrival of goods, the consignee must file records with AQSIQ or the local administration of the inspection branch directly under AQSIQ.

Pre-shipment inspection

Since 2007, all imported used equipment is subject to a pre-shipment check regardless of the dollar value. The pre-shipment inspection institution will complete an inspection before the shipment of goods and then submit a Pre-shipment Inspection Report to the local AQSIQ branch. The local AQSIQ branch will then review the report and issue a Certificate of Pre-shipment Inspection if the goods meet AQSIQ criteria. The Los Angeles-based CCIC North America is the only office authorized to conduct pre-shipment checks in the United States. Contact information is below:

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CCIC North America will conduct a pre-shipment check at the request of AQSIQ after a "buying order" has been placed with AQSIQ. The time required for a pre-shipment check varies on a case-to-case basis. The pre-shipment check is charged at a standard fee rate based on the used equipment's value.

Arrival Inspection

All imported used equipment is subject to an arrival check at port. Upon reaching the port of entry the goods will go through an inspection and quarantine whereby the goods are reviewed against the pre-shipment inspection certificate.

After finishing the three-step AQSIQ check, the imported used equipment is handed over for customs clearance.

Even though the Chinese Government has been trying hard to regulate the used equipment market and smooth the procedures for importing used equipment, in reality, the procedure for making such a transaction is very complicated and tedious. Often, exact procedures are determined on a case-by-case basis. Legitimate transactions are hindered under the current Chinese government's regulations and application procedures.