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## **Cotecna commences scanning and risk management operations in Nigeria**

Cotecna, the international trade facilitation and inspection group, is commencing this month in Nigeria its scanning and risk management operations for the Nigerian Government as part of the country's move to a modern Destination Inspection (DI) regime.

The agreement with the government of Nigeria, which involves an investment, by Cotecna, of close to USD 70 million, includes the provision and operation of scanning equipment at the Lagos seaports and four other ports of entry. Cotecna is also responsible for the design, installation and operation of a Computerized Risk Management System (CRMS) that will assist in enhancing the efficiency of the scheme by designating the level of customs intervention based on risk. With this decision, the Nigerian government has demonstrated its commitment to deploy one of the most modern and effective customs inspection services available in the market today. There are also provisions in the contract for training and capacity building services to assist customs reform.

The Nigerian Customs Service is leading this initiative for which Cotecna will bring its recognized expertise in risk management and scanning to support this major transition. Cotecna is the leader and the precursor in the provision of such services around the world. In Africa specifically it has similar operations in four different countries including Ghana since 2000 and more recently in Senegal, Tanzania and Togo.

*Robert Massey, CEO Cotecna said, "These inspection arrangements are an important part of the Nigerian Government's programme to facilitate trade while modernising the Customs administration. We are delighted to be working with the Nigerian authorities in this endeavour".*

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