



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc.

(Corpus Christi, TX) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX), as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX) has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next four years as of September 9, 2021.

DATES: Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of September 9, 2021. The next inspection date will be scheduled for September 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Allison Blair, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 4150 Interwood South Parkway, Houston, TX 77032, tel. 281-560-2900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc, 4717 Santa Elena, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13 as of September 9, 2021.¹

¹ As a result of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic, Laboratories and Scientific Services implemented a one-time quadrennial timeframe for reoccurring audits originally scheduled to take place in 2020, 2021, and 2022. This postponed the scheduled deadline for audits and the payment of reaccreditation

Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API Chapters	Title
3	Tank Gauging
7	Temperature Determination
8	Sampling
12	Calculations
17	Marine Measurement

Bureau Veritas Commodities and Trade, Inc. (Corpus Christi, TX) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-03	D 4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation
27-04	D 95	Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation
27-05	D 4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration
27-06	D 473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method
27-08	D 86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure
27-11	D 445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)
27-13	D 4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
27-14	D 2622	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Wavelength Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
27-46	D 5002	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Crude Oils by Digital Density Analyzer
27-48	D 4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter
27-58	D 5191	Standard Test Method For Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method)

or reapproval fees by one year, after which audits will return to a triennial schedule. *See* 19 U.S.C. 1499; Presidential Proclamation 9994, 85 FR 15337 (March 13, 2020); Executive Order 13924, 85 FR 31353 (May 19, 2020); and U.S. Customs & Border Protection, COVID-19 Laboratory and Gauger Postponement Letter (May 26, 2021), <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/covid-19-gauger-postponement-letter>.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (281) 560-2900. The inquiry may also be sent to CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov. Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories.

<http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>

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