

POLICY FOR RVIA RV MEMBER MANUFACTURERS (Other than Canada) TO IMPORT UNITS

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RVIA RV member manufacturers seeking to import RVs into the United States must contract with a third party inspection agency that will agree in writing to verify compliance with standards adopted by RVIA. The third party inspection agency must meet the conditions and criteria outlined below.

The organization seeking RVIA recognition as a third party inspection agency must submit information to RVIA to document that they:

1. Are accredited as a minimum to ISO/IEC 17020 - *General Criteria for the Operation of Various Types of Bodies Performing Inspections*, through an identified registrar.
2. Are not under the jurisdiction or control of any manufacturer or supplier for any affected industry.
3. Agree to submit on an annual basis a certification report of the out of country production facility.
4. Agree to submit on a regular basis (e.g., quarterly) reports of production line inspections, including verification that all required systems tests are being performed.
5. Agree to submit report on the correction of all repeated deviations and action taken to prevent the reoccurrence of such non compliances.
6. Agree to allow RVIA to schedule monitoring inspections of the RVs at least once a year.
 - If importation is conducted in numbers or schedule that does not merit once a year or is not in line with the RVIA prescribed Annual Schedule this could result in additional inspection fees to be paid directly to RVIA to cover inspector expenses to travel to the port(s) outside that prescribed RVIA Annual Schedule.
7. Inspection agency shall provide proof of bonding.
8. Agree to annual inspection staff training by RVIA at location determined by RVIA.
9. Agree to receive, maintain and distribute RVIA seals for inspection control purposes.
10. Falsify reporting could result in loss of RVIA recognition.
11. With respect to "Third Party Inspection Agencies" that lose their accreditation to ISO/IEC 17020:
 - a) A letter from RVIA to the inspection agency requiring a written response within 30 days regarding their loss of accreditation and requiring within 90 days, inclusive, that the accreditation issue be resolved.
 - b) If the issue is not resolved within 90 days, the inspection agency will be terminated as a recognized inspection agency and the RVIA RV manufacturer member will be immediately notified of such termination.

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