

**POLICY FOR RVIA RV MANUFACTURER MEMBERS SEEKING TO IMPORT UNITS
OR SHIP FROM OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL USA (Other than Canada)
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RVIA RV manufacturer members seeking to import or ship RVs into the continental United States must contract with an approved 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 at 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 provide proof of the inspection agency's bonding.
4. Agree to submit on an annual basis a certification report regarding the out of country production facility.
5. Agree to timely submit on a regular basis quarterly reports of production line inspections at the facility as required by RVIA, including verification that all required systems tests are being performed.
6. Agree to submit reports on the correction of all repeated deviations and action taken to prevent the reoccurrence of such non compliances by the facility.
7. Agree to allow RVIA to schedule monitoring inspections of the RV units at least once a year.
 - a) If importation is conducted in numbers or schedule that does not merit annual inspection or is unaligned with RVIA's Annual Schedule this may result in additional fees to be paid by the member directly to RVIA to cover inspector travel expenses to the port(s) outside that prescribed RVIA Annual Schedule.
8. Agree to annual inspection staff training by RVIA at location determined by RVIA.
9. Agree to receive, maintain and distribute RVIA seals as directed by RVIA for inspection control purposes.
10. Acknowledge understanding that falsified reporting can result in loss of RVIA recognition.
11. With respect to "Third Party Inspection Agencies" that lose their accreditation to ISO/IEC 17020:
 - a) The inspection agency must notify RVIA in writing within 30 days regarding their loss of accreditation and must resolve the accreditation issue within 90 days, inclusive, of such notification.
 - 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.