Cargo Tracking Note - what is it..??

Cargo Tracking Note (CTN) also known as Bordereau de Suivi Cargaison (BSC) or Loading Certificate is an official marine document that contains information relating to the cargo and its movement between ports. This document is required to be submitted to the various shippers councils in various countries..

In general, the CTN number must be shown on all documentation related to the cargo shipped under that note. The shipper and/or forwarder should provide the certificate number to the ocean carrier at the loading port (Loading agent) for inclusion in the manifest and bill of lading.

As far as I know, currently below are the countries (in alphabetical order) that require CTN and also the issuing agents in South Africa for ready reference:

- Angola - Issuing agent Mitchell Cotts Maritime
- Benin - Issuing agent Mitchell Cotts Maritime
- Burkina Faso - Issuing agent Mitchell Cotts Maritime
- Burundi - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Chad - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Cameroon - Issuing agent Mitchell Cotts Maritime
- Central African Republic - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Côte d'Ivoire - Issued via their website www.oic.ci
- Guinea - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Guinea-Bissau - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Mali - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Niger - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Nigeria - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Senegal - Issuing agent Diamond Shipping Services as agents for Antaser Afrique BVBA
- Togo - Issuing agent Mitchell Cotts Maritime

If I have missed out any other country that requires the CTN, please do comment on the same and also add on the issuing agents details..