

History of Intertek Commodities Division



Starting in 1885, Intertek's Commodities division has provided professional and reliable bulk commodity inspection quantity and quality services.

For over 125 years, Intertek's Commodities division has inspected and tested client's valuable bulk commodity cargos such as crude oil, fuels, grains, fertilizers and many other products. Originally founded in 1885 by Mr. Caleb Brett, Intertek's cargo inspectors help clients protect their financial interests during cargo custody transfer, storage, transport and other business activities. Intertek provides cargo and inventory inspection services across the world, including major ports and petroleum refining, production and petrochemical producing regions. Intertek offers international 24/7/365 service and coordination coverage.

Experience, Trust, Confidence:
Inspecting Bulk Commodity Cargoes Since 1885



Mr. Caleb Brett founded the company in 1885 as an independent testing and inspection company, providing impartial professional services to global clients.

Mr. Caleb Brett was farmer in Kent, England who also owned a business exporting grain to Russia, and imported Russian furs and other goods to Great Britain. Mr. Brett realized that an independent, impartial inspection cargo inspection service was needed to regulate cargo quality and reduce business risks associated with the global trade in high value commodities. A neutral and honest inspection service was the solution, and he started a new business in 1885 to certify the quality and quantity of grain cargos prior to shipment.

His approach to the business was professional, vowing that “I will treat each cargo as if it were my own”.

Coincidentally, the global petroleum industry was beginning to emerge as a new global market, driven by the invention of internal combustion engines. Mr. Caleb Brett expanded his business to provide marine cargo inspection and testing for crude oil and refined petroleum products. As world trade in these commodity products expanded, Caleb Brett’s company expanded as well, offering inspection and laboratory services to customers in a growing number of nations.

Today, the Intertek Caleb Brett divisional name has transformed into the Intertek Commodities division, with the same heritage and experienced professionals providing the same focused dedication and expertise to client services. We work to the high standards set by our division’s founder in 1885.

Intertek Commodities services include:

- Cargo Inspection Services
- Petroleum Cargo Inspection
- Chemical Cargo Inspection
- Petroleum Testing
- Minerals
- Government & Trade

Contact us to see how Intertek can help your organization with Inspecting Bulk Commodity Cargos Since 1885.