

## **Seal Security**

This information has been compiled from various sources, including Customs & Border Protection. These guidelines should be implemented at all foreign and domestic locations as a means of securing your cargo, and protecting from the introduction of illegal / dangerous materials into your containers. If you are not a C-TPAT member, it is still useful to follow these guidelines.

The following parties in your supply chain should be aware of your policy:

- Manufacturers
- Suppliers
- Vendors
- Sea Carriers
- Logistical Service Providers
- Distribution Centers
- Container Storage Depots
- Warehouses

### **Container Seals**

Written procedures must stipulate how seal are to be controlled and affixed to containers and must include the following:

- Reporting procedures for compromised seals / containers.
  - Seal affixing procedures
- Only designated, authorized employees must distribute and affix container seals.
- All seals must meet or exceed the PAS/ISO 17712 standards for high security seals.
  - Seals should be affixed to the right door of the container on the hap that has the welded rivet.
  - Seal should be inspected.

### **Seal Inspection**

A seal inspection process should be implemented, like the following example:

- V View seal and container locking mechanism
- V Verify seal number for accuracy
- T Tug on seal to make sure it is affixed properly
- T Twist and Turn seal to make sure it does not unscrew