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## 7-Point Container Inspection

When an Ocean container is received at your facility, do you perform a seal check?

Do you record the seal number in your records?

Do you match the seal number on the container against the seal number reported on your ocean bill of lading or commercial documents?

According to the Best Practices, provided by Customs, you should have a 7-point Inspection process for all containers:

1. Outside/Undercarriage
2. Inside / Outside doors
3. Right Side
4. Left Side
5. Front wall
6. Ceiling / Roof
7. Floor – Inside



## Bolt Seals



## Standard 40" Container



## Procedures for Loading Ocean Containers

All containers arriving at a facility should have their documentation verified. The process should be implemented at all foreign and domestic locations.

Is there a written policy in place regarding container seals that includes:

Accountability/responsibility for how seals are controlled, issued, secured and affixed?

Is this process certified throughout the supply chain?

How are seals inventoried and reconciled?

C-TPAT was legislated with the passage of the Safe Port Act, which became effective in October 2006.

If you are not familiar with the C-TPAT program, or would like additional information on the benefits of the program, please contact your Customer Service Representative, or e-mail:

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