



## Reminder Notice Regarding Use of High Security Seals: United States and Canada

Dear Valued HMM Customer,

**All shippers who ship with HMM are required to use high-security Seals on all shipments transiting the United States and/or Canada.**

### **United States:**

HMM is a CTPAT member, therefore all shipments with HMM are CTPAT shipments.

As part of HMM's continued commitment to supply chain security and the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program, we want to reiterate the importance of using high security seals on all shipments transiting the U.S.

Per CTPAT Minimum Security Criteria – U.S. Exporters | March 2020 and Minimum-Security Criteria – U.S. Importers March 2020:

“All CTPAT shipments that can be sealed must be secured immediately after loading/stuffing/packing by the responsible party (i.e. the shipper or packer acting on the shipper's behalf) with a high-security seal that meets or exceeds the most current International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17712 standard for high-security seals. Qualifying cable and bolt seals are both acceptable. All seals used must be securely and properly affixed to Instruments of International Traffic that are transporting CTPAT Members' cargo to/from the United States.”

For more information regarding CTPAT: Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, please visit:

<https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/cargo-security/ctpat>

For details about Compliance with ISO's 17712 Standards for High Security Seals, please visit:

<https://www.cbp.gov/document/bulletins/ctpat-bulletin-compliance-isos-17712-standards-high-security-seals>

As always, we appreciate your continued support of HMM and your compliance with CTPAT Minimum Security Criteria.

### **Canada:**

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) requires that all loaded shipments crossing the border in either direction are affixed with high security seals.

**High-security seal:** high-security mechanical freight container seals are categorized as seals that meet or exceed the current ISO/PAS 17712 standard for freight container mechanical seals. Seals that conform or exceed this standard are manufactured with strong metal materials with the intent to deter intrusion, and the seals generally require removal with bolt or cable cutters. Seals are categorized into the following security levels: indicative (I), security (S), or high-security (H). Businesses must agree to use seals that meet the “H” (high security) level for PIP purposes.

**ISO/PAS 17712:** International Organization for Standardization / Publicly Available Specification 17712 defines the various types of security seals available and describes in detail the general performance requirements for each product type as well as details of testing specifics.



For extensive details on CBSA seal requirements, please review CBSA Memorandum D23-1-1 <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d23/d23-1-1-eng.html>

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\* It is a good practice for the shipper to take a photo of the seal when it is secured on the container in case any seal discrepancy issues arise during transit.

Please be advised that failure to use a high-security that meets (ISO) 17712 could result in fines or penalties. Should any extra services be rendered or any fines or penalties be issued as a result of failure to use high-security seal, The Shipper will take full responsibility and be held liable for any costs incurred.

We appreciate your support of HMM. If you have further questions, please contact your local sales representative or our Dallas Customer Service Center at 1-877-749-8632. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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