

**PORT (TRADE)
INFORMATION
NOTICE**NUMBER: 2005-103
ISSUE DATE: August 4, 2005**SUBJECT: CBP Will Seal Loads After Physical Examination****DISTRIBUTION: Carriers, Filers, Importers, Other Interested Parties, Service Port of Blaine**

CBP Headquarters has mandated new procedures for the sealing of containerized cargo inspected by CBP officers. Effective **August 9, 2005**, only International Organization for Standardization Publicly Available Specification 17712 (ISO/PAS 17712) compliant high security bolt seals will be used by CBP. CBP officers will affix ISO/PAS 17712 compliant high security bolt seals immediately upon the conclusion of an inspection.

“Containerized Cargo” covers merchandise shipped in an enclosed container or trailer that is capable of having a seal affixed, notwithstanding the conveyance in or on which it is transported.

This policy does not apply to empty containers or empty/full containers that are solely screened by nonintrusive inspection imaging technology.

This policy is applicable to containerized cargo that is arriving, departing, or transiting the United States via sea or land. Cargo arriving by land includes trailers, containers, and rail cars.

In the event a carrier chooses to fasten an additional seal, the CBP installed high-security bolt seal must not be removed, replaced, or manipulated in any way.

CBP officers shall notify the appropriate parties of the number of the container that has been examined and the serial number of the newly installed high-security bolt seal before the container is released by annotating the transportation documents (bill of lading).

If there are any questions in this regard, please contact Cargo Chief Ken Williams at 360-332-2332, Any Blaine Cargo Supervisor at 360-332-5707, or the Port Director for the other ports within the Blaine Service Port.

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