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## **Revised ISO Standard for High Security Seals - Effective May 15th, 2014**

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) mechanical container seal standard [17712:2013](#) was published in May 2013 and clause 6 comes into effect on May 15th, 2014. Clause 6 addresses innovative new features to more clearly evidence tampering, thus heightening the security benefits of the seal.

Terms and conditions of many ocean carriers include that it is the responsibility of the shipper to supply and affix high security container seals on all shipper-packed containers tendered for transport. These seals must be compliant with ISO 17712 - a standard that's also been adopted by many customs authorities globally, including CBP in the USA.

Please work with your container seal suppliers to confirm that new purchases of container seal stock is compliant with ISO 17712:2013, and ensure that you only use these new seals on your self-packed ocean containers from May 15th, 2014 onwards to avoid delays.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact your local [Pacer International/Ocean World Lines office](#).