

To Our Valued Customers,

Maersk Line has recently advised that as of October 15, 2008, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires all loaded containers, including foreign cargo remaining on board (FROB) are sealed in accordance with the 9/11 Recommendations to the SAFE PORT ACT of 2006. Carriers must transmit the seal number in the CBP Automated Manifest System (AMS) 24 hours prior to loading.

Every import container must have a high security seal that meets or exceeds ISO/PAS 17712:2006 (i.e. the Maersk bolt seal). This follows the C-TPAT requirements of which Maersk Line is a member. Importers are responsible for ensuring their containers are sealed at the point of stuffing to maintain the integrity of the container. This regulation requires using seals to meet the ISO/PAS 17712 standards for high security seals.

As a follow up to this, please note that although C-TPAT only requires U.S. and Canadian import containers to have high security seals, many other countries also have the same regulations. Maersk Line requires every container to have a high security bolt seal for cargo moving anywhere in the world to ensure full compliance in all countries around the world.

* Please be aware of the country requirements you are shipping to in an effort to ensure compliance with local regulations and avoid any potential accrued "non-compliance" fees.*

We would like to assure all our customers that Maersk is in full compliance with the new CBP seal and reporting requirements. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact namsecur@maersk.com.

Thank you for your business and look forward to continually serving your transportation needs.