

Authorisation instructions Use of seals of a special type

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## Authorisation for the use of seals of a special type

Customs may grant an authorisation to a person responsible for transit, to attach seals of a special type to means of transport or packages. The seals must be approved by Customs. The seals must fulfil the ISO standard 17712:2013 or the requirements in article 301(1) of the Implementing Regulation of the Union Customs Code.

The following is required to obtain an authorisation:

- the applicant regularly uses the Union transit procedure and is established in the customs territory of the Union
- the company has not committed any serious infringements of customs or tax legislation
- the applicant has a management system for transport data
- the person responsible for the company's customs matters has practical standards of competence or professional qualifications related to the transit procedure

## **Characteristics of customs seals**

- they remain intact and securely fastened in normal use
- they are easily checkable and recognisable
- they are manufactured so that any breakage, tampering or removal leaves traces visible to the naked eye
- they are designed for single use If they are intended for multiple use, they are designed so that they can be given a clear, individual identification mark each time they are re-used
- they bear individual seal identifiers which are permanent, readily legible and uniquely numbered
- the form and dimensions of the seals may vary with the sealing method. the dimensions shall be such as to ensure that identification marks are easy to read
- the identification marks of seals shall be impossible to falsify and difficult to reproduce
- the material used shall be resistant to accidental breakage and such as to prevent undetectable falsification or reuse
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## The seals shall have the following markings:

- EORI number (for example: FI1234567-8)
- unique identifier for the seal