

Seals for air freight

You must attach a Customs approved seal to each secure package. This document will guide you through the process of applying an SES seal to an air freight package.

Seals for sea freight are different. If you require information about how to apply seals to sea freight containers, please refer to the accompanying 'Seals for sea freight' document.

Approved seals

Customs has approved specific seal labels that meets SES security requirements. These seals have also been accepted for use by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Customs approved seal labels have the following security features:

- Unique seal identifier number
- Acts as a tamper indicating device
- Not easily duplicated or compromised
- Complies with ISO 17712 standard for label seals

The images below are examples of seal labels approved for SES use. If you would like to use a label customised for your business, please speak with an SES team member.



Example of Customs approved label seal showing security and tampering indicating features.



Example of a label seal also approved for MPI. This seal has security cuts so that the seal is destroyed when tampered with.

How to prepare a package

Before a seal label can be applied, air freight packages must be prepared to meet security requirements.

For cartons, all openings must be secured with security tape, branded tape, plastic strapping, or glue. Tape should cover all open edges and cross itself.



Pallets must be shrink wrapped with security tape, branded tape or plastic strapping, applied to the top and sides of the pallet.



How to apply a seal

Your seal label must be applied in a way that means the package cannot be opened without leaving obvious physical signs that the package has been tampered with.

A SES team member will discuss with you the best way to seal your packages, as part of their site visit.