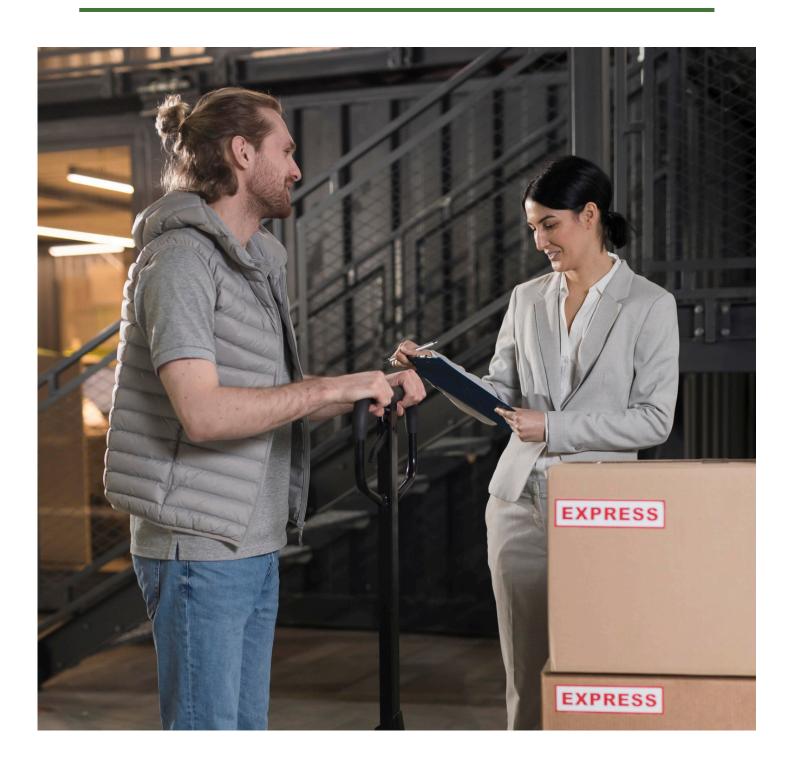# BEST PRACTICES FOR APPLYING AND DOCUMENTING SEALS IN FTL AND FCL SHIPMENTS

THE CHALLENGE OR PROBLEM

When dealing with FTL (Full Truck Load) and FCL (Full Container Load) shipments, a common issue is customer complaints about missing products. This problem can arise due to several factors:

1.Lack of Documentation

Without proper documentation of the seal numbers and visual proof, it becomes challenging to verify whether the shipment was tampered with during transit.

2. Seal Tampering

Seals can be tampered with or broken without proper recording, leading to product loss or disputes.

3. Accountability Issues

In the absence of robust evidence, determining accountability for the missing products can be problematic, potentially leading to disputes and claims between the shipper, carrier, and receiver.

THE SOLUTION

Implementing a systematic approach to sealing and documenting seal numbers with photos can effectively address these challenges:

1.Enhanced Security

By applying seals and documenting their numbers, it becomes easier to ensure that shipments remain secure throughout the transit process.

2. Visual Evidence

Taking photos of the applied seals provides visual proof that the shipment was secured at the point of origin, which can be used to verify the integrity of the shipment upon arrival.

3.Improved Accountability

With documented seal numbers and photographic evidence, it becomes straightforward to track and verify the status of the shipment, enhancing accountability among all parties involved.

BEST PRACTICES FOR APPLYING AND DOCUMENTING SEALS ON FTL AND FCL SHIPMENTS

1. Seal Application

Use High-Quality Seals

Ensure that the seals used are of high quality and tamper-evident. High-quality seals are crucial for detecting any unauthorized access or tampering, providing a robust security measure during transit.

Seal Placement

Apply the seal in a prominent and secure location on the truck or container door. The placement should ensure that the seal is visible and easily accessible for inspection, making it straightforward to verify its integrity.

2.Documentation Process

Record Seal Numbers

Maintain a comprehensive log of the seal numbers used on the truck. This log should include essential details such as the date of sealing, and the personnel responsible for sealing. This practice ensures traceability and accountability.

Capture Photos

Take clear and high-resolution photos of the applied seals. Ensure that the seal numbers are legible in the photos. Capture multiple angles if necessary to provide comprehensive visual evidence of the seal's condition and placement.

Upload and Store

Utilize LoadProof to upload and store the photos along with the corresponding shipment details. The platform should provide secure storage and easy retrieval of the records, ensuring that the documentation is organized and accessible when needed.

3.Verification at Destination

Inspect Seals

·Upon arrival, the receiver should thoroughly inspect the seals for any signs of tampering. It's crucial to verify that the seal numbers match the documented records, ensuring the shipment's integrity has been maintained throughout transit.

Photographic Evidence

Take photos of the seals before breaking them, documenting the condition of the seals upon arrival. This step provides an additional layer of evidence, ensuring that any discrepancies can be accurately assessed.

Update Records

Log the seal verification details and any discrepancies in the digital platform to maintain a complete audit trail. This practice ensures that all parties have access to a transparent and detailed record of the shipment's security measures.

HOW LOADPROOF HELP WITH SEAL DOCUMENTATION

LoadProof provides a robust solution for documenting seal numbers and capturing photographic evidence, ensuring secure and efficient shipment management:

Easy Capture and Upload

Users can easily capture high-quality images of seals using mobile devices and upload them directly to the LoadProof platform.

Secure Storage

Photos and records stored in LoadProof are encrypted and protected, ensuring compliance with security and privacy regulations.

Organized and Searchable

LoadProof organizes documents with metadata tagging, making it easy to search for and retrieve specific records quickly.

Automated Workflows

LoadProof automates the process of capturing, uploading, and managing seal documentation, enhancing overall operational efficiency.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE ON SEALING AND DOCUMENTING SHIPMENTS

Follow these steps to ensure effective sealing and documentation of FTL (Full Truck Load) and FCL (Full Container Load) shipments using LoadProof:

- Set up and configure your LoadProof account to prepare for documenting shipment seals.
- Verify that all items to be shipped are correctly loaded and accounted for.
- Select a high-quality, tamper-evident seal with your company name. Apply the seal to a prominent and secure location on the container or truck door. Further, ensure that the seal is firmly attached and not easily removable without breaking.

- Use the LoadProof application to capture clear, high-resolution photos of the applied seal. Ensure the seal number is legible and take multiple angles if necessary.
- Check the images in the Gallery screen (users can delete captured images, add notes, or crop the images).
- Enter relevant metadata for the load, such as seal number, and date of sealing.
- Upload the photos to the LoadProof Portal and make sure that the photos are tagged with relevant metadata for easy retrieval.
- Upload the load; it will be uploaded to the LoadProof Portal.Capture additional images of any labels, ensuring they are visible.
- Upload the images to LoadProof's secure digital repository, tagging them with relevant metadata for easy tracking and review.
- View the uploaded load in the LoadProof Portal.

READY TO ENHANCE YOUR SHIPMENT SECURITY?

Schedule a demo with LoadProof today to see how our platform can streamline your sealing and documentation process, ensuring robust security and efficient management of your FTL and FCL shipments.

By adopting these best practices for applying and documenting seals with photos, organizations can significantly reduce the risk of missing products in FTL and FCL shipments. This approach not only enhances shipment security but also provides a reliable method for verifying the integrity of shipments, thereby improving customer satisfaction and operational accountability. Implementing a solution like LoadProof further streamlines the process, making it easier to manage and retrieve seal documentation efficiently.