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Food & Rural Affairs

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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Purpose

1. To advise of changes to official Australian container security seals for goods exported from Australia to GB.

Background

2. Defra have been notified that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Forestry in Australia, is changing their security seal provider.

Therefore where official Australian Government seals are applied to certain food and agricultural exports, these seals will have a different appearance from those currently in use. These new seals will be applied to containers of exported products from 1 October 2023. Due to variations in transit times, there may be a short transition period where both versions of the official seal appear on containers at point-of-entry into GB.

The security features and reliability of these seals will provide the same integrity and security required of Australia's export systems. Seals will carry a unique number and bear the words "Australian Government".

Photographs of the new seals and current seals can be found in Annex I.

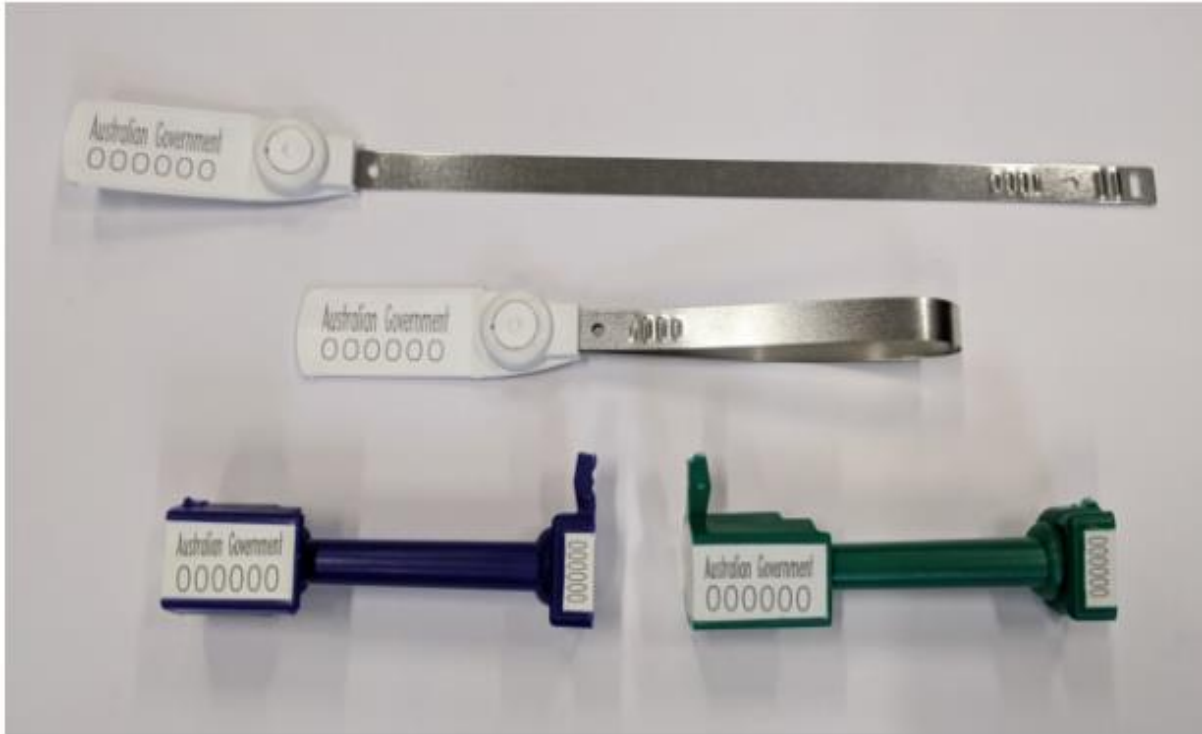
Action for OVSS

1. To note the above information.

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ANNEX I

This photo shows the new seals that will be in use from 1 October 2023.



This photo shows the current seals in use before 1 October 2023.

