Specifications for Customs seals

The TIR Convention does not address the issue of standards and requirements for Customs seals. It only stipulates that, as a general rule, Contracting Parties must accept Customs seals affixed by other Contracting Parties. Thus, the specification of Customs seals is left to the discretion of national Customs authorities. With a view to ensuring the effectiveness of Customs sealing, it is desirable that Customs administrations use seals which conform to the latest international requirements in this field. In this context, the attention of the Customs authorities is drawn to the minimum requirements laid down in Specific Annex E, Chapter 1 of the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonisation of Customs procedures (revised Kyoto Convention). In addition,
reference could be made to the guidelines to Chapter 6 of the General Annex to the said Convention, as elaborated under the auspices of the World Customs Organisation (WCO).