

No. 14449. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, 1972. CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 2 DECEMBER 1972¹

ENTRY INTO FORCE of amendments to annexes 4 and 6 to the above-mentioned Convention

The amendments were proposed and circulated by the Secretary-General of the Customs Cooperation Council on 12 November 1981. They came into force on 8 March 1983, in accordance with article 22 (5).

*Amendments to annexes 4 and 6
of the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972*

1. *Annex 4, article 4, paragraph 3:*

Amend the second sentence to read as follows:

“These seams shall be made as shown in sketch No. 1 appended to these Regulations; however, where in the case of certain parts of the sheet (such as flaps and reinforced corners) it is not possible to assemble the pieces in that way, it shall be sufficient to fold the edge of the top section and make the seams as shown in sketches Nos. 2 or 2 (a) appended to these Regulations.”

Insert a new sketch No. 2 (a) in annex 4 (attached as appendix 1 to the present annex).

2. *Annex 4, article 4, paragraph 5:*

Amend the last sentence to read as follows:

“Sheets of plastic-covered cloth may alternatively be repaired in accordance with the method described in paragraph 4 of this article, but in that case the plastic band must be affixed to both sides of the sheet, the patch being fitted on the inside of the sheet.”

3. *Annex 4, article 4, paragraph 7:*

Replace the text of paragraph 7 by the following text:

“The intervals between the rings and the intervals between the eyelets shall not exceed 200 mm. The intervals may however be greater but shall not exceed 300 mm between rings and eyelets on either side of the upright if the construction of the container and the sheet is such as to prevent all access to the interior of the container. The eyelets shall be reinforced.”

4. *Annex 6, explanatory note 4.2.1.(a)-1:*

Amend the last sentence of subparagraph (a) to read as follows:

“Notwithstanding the above, container floors may be secured by means of self-tapping screws, self-drilling rivets or rivets inserted by means of an explosive charge or pins inserted pneumatically, when placed from inside and passing at right-angles through the floor and the metallic cross-pieces underneath, on condition, except in the case of self-tapping screws, that some of their ends be flush with the level of the outside part of the cross-piece or be welded on to it.”

5. *Annex 6, explanatory note 4.2.1.(b)-1:*

Add a new subparagraph (c) to the explanatory note 4.2.1. (b)-1 as follows:

“Exceptionally, in the case of insulated containers only, the Customs sealing device, the hinges and any fittings, the removal of which would give access to the interior of the

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 988, p. 43, and annex A in volumes 1021, 1025, 1035, 1046, 1120, 1275 and 1301.

container or to spaces in which goods could be concealed, may be fixed to the doors of such containers by means of set bolts or set screws which are inserted from the outside but which do not otherwise meet the requirements of subparagraph (a) of the explanatory note to annex 4, article 2, paragraph 1 (a) on condition that:

- “(i) The tails of the set bolts or set screws are fixed into a tapping plate or similar device fitted behind the outer layer or layers of the door structure; and
- “(ii) The heads of an appropriate number of set bolts or set screws are so welded to the Customs sealing device, hinges, etc., that they are completely deformed and that the set bolts or set screws cannot be removed without leaving visible signs of tampering (see sketch No. 4 to this Annex).

“The term ‘insulated container’ is to be taken to include refrigerated and isothermic containers.”

The present subparagraphs (c) and (d) will become subparagraphs (d) and (e) respectively. Insert a new sketch No. 4 in annex 6 (attached as appendix 2 to the present annex).

6. *Annex 6, explanatory note 4.2.1.(c)-1:*

Add a new subparagraph (e) to the explanatory note 4.2.1. (c)-1 as follows:

“Identical non-metal devices may be allowed provided that the holes are of the requisite dimensions and the material used is strong enough to prevent the holes from being substantially enlarged without visible damage. In addition, it must be impossible to replace the ventilation device by working from one side of the sheet only.”

7. *Annex 6:*

Add a new explanatory note 4.4.6.(a)-2, as follows:

“*Subparagraph 6. (a) (i) — Sheeted containers with sliding rings*

“4.4.6.(a)-2. Metal securing rings sliding on metal bars fixed to the containers are acceptable for the purposes of this paragraph (see sketch No. 5 appended to this annex) provided that:

- “(a) The bars are affixed to the container at maximum spacings of 60 cm and in such a manner that they cannot be removed and replaced without leaving obvious traces;
- “(b) The rings are made with a double hoop or equipped with a central bar and made in one piece without the use of welding; and
- “(c) The sheet is fixed to the container in strict compliance with the conditions set forth in annex 4, article 1 (a) of this Convention.”

Insert a new sketch No. 5 in annex 6 (attached as appendix 3 to the present annex).

8. *Annex 6:*

Add a new explanatory note 4.4.6.(b)-1, as follows:

“*Subparagraph 6. (b) — Permanently-secured sheets*

“4.4.6.(b)-1. Where one or more edges of the sheet are permanently attached to the body of the container, the sheet shall be held in place by one or more strips of metal or other suitable material secured to the body of the container by joining devices meeting the requirements of subparagraph (a) of note 4.2.1.(a)-1 of this annex.”

9. *Annex 6:*

Add a new explanatory note 4.4.7-1, as follows:

“*Paragraph 7 — Intervals between the rings and between the eyelets*

“4.4.7-1. Intervals exceeding 200 mm but not exceeding 300 mm are acceptable over the uprights if the rings are recessed in the side boards and the eyelets are oval and so small that they can just pass over the rings.”

10. *Annex 6:*

Add a new explanatory note 4.4.10.(a)-1, as follows:

“Subparagraph 10.(a)–Sheet-tensioning flaps

“4.4.10.(a)-1. The sheets of many containers are provided on the outside with a horizontal flap pierced by eyelets running along the length of the side of the container. Such flaps, known as tensioning flaps, are used to tauten the sheet by means of tensioning cords or similar devices. Such flaps have been used to conceal horizontal slits made in the sheets giving improper access to the goods carried in the container. It is therefore recommended that the use of flaps of this type should not be allowed. The following devices may be used instead:

“(a) Tensioning flaps of similar design fixed on the inside of the sheet; or

“(b) Small individual flaps each pierced by one eyelet secured to the outside surface of the sheet and spaced at such distances as will permit an adequate tensioning of the sheet.

“Alternatively, it may be possible in certain cases to avoid the use of tensioning flaps on sheets.”

11. *Annex 6, explanatory note 4.4.10.(c)-I(b):*

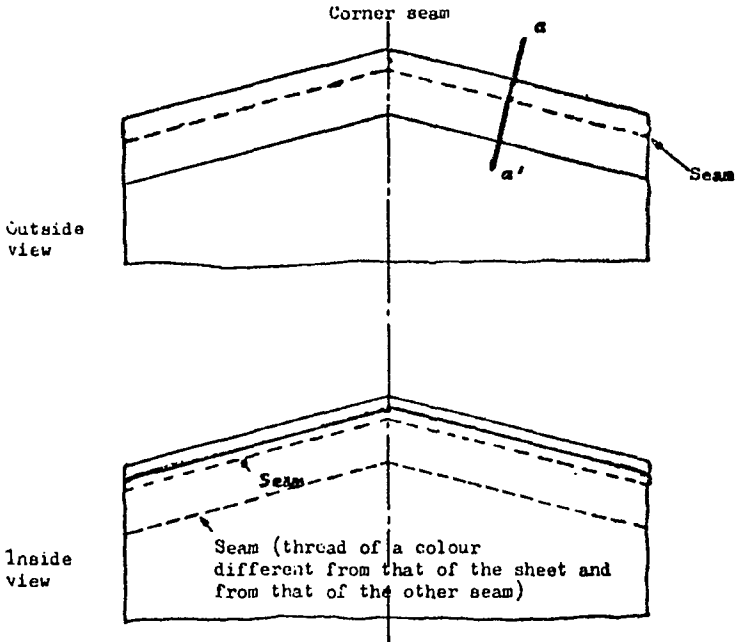
Replace the present text by the following:

“Non-tensile textile materials including plastic-covered or rubberised cloth, provided that such materials cannot after severance be welded or reconstituted without leaving obvious traces. Furthermore, the plastic material used to cover thongs shall be transparent and smooth-surfaced.”

Appendix 1

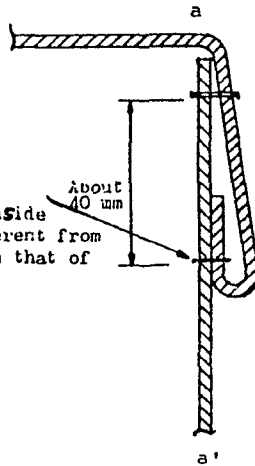
ANNEX 4—Sketch No. 2 (a)

SHEET MADE OF SEVERAL PIECES SEWN TOGETHER



Section a-a¹

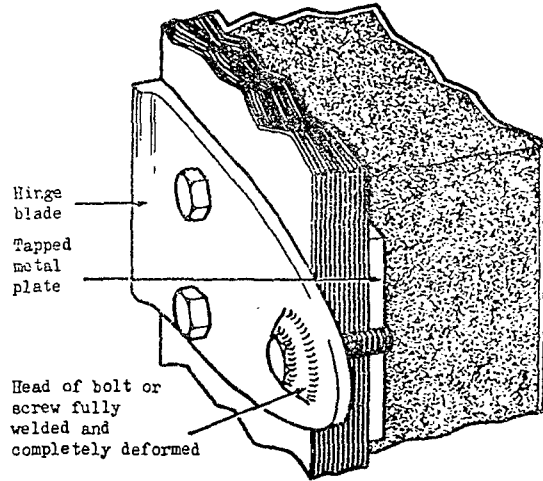
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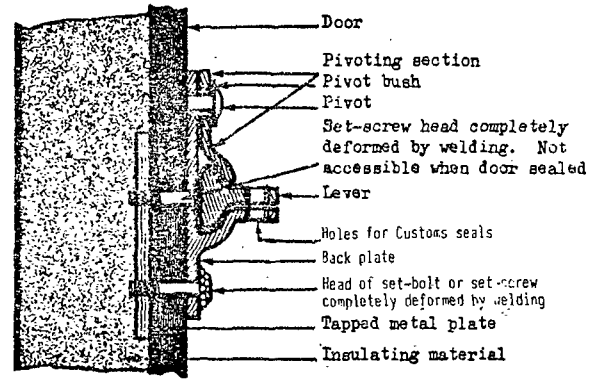
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ANNEX 6—Sketch No. 4

EXAMPLE OF HINGE AND CUSTOMS SEALING DEVICE ON DOORS OF INSULATED CONTAINERS



Hinge

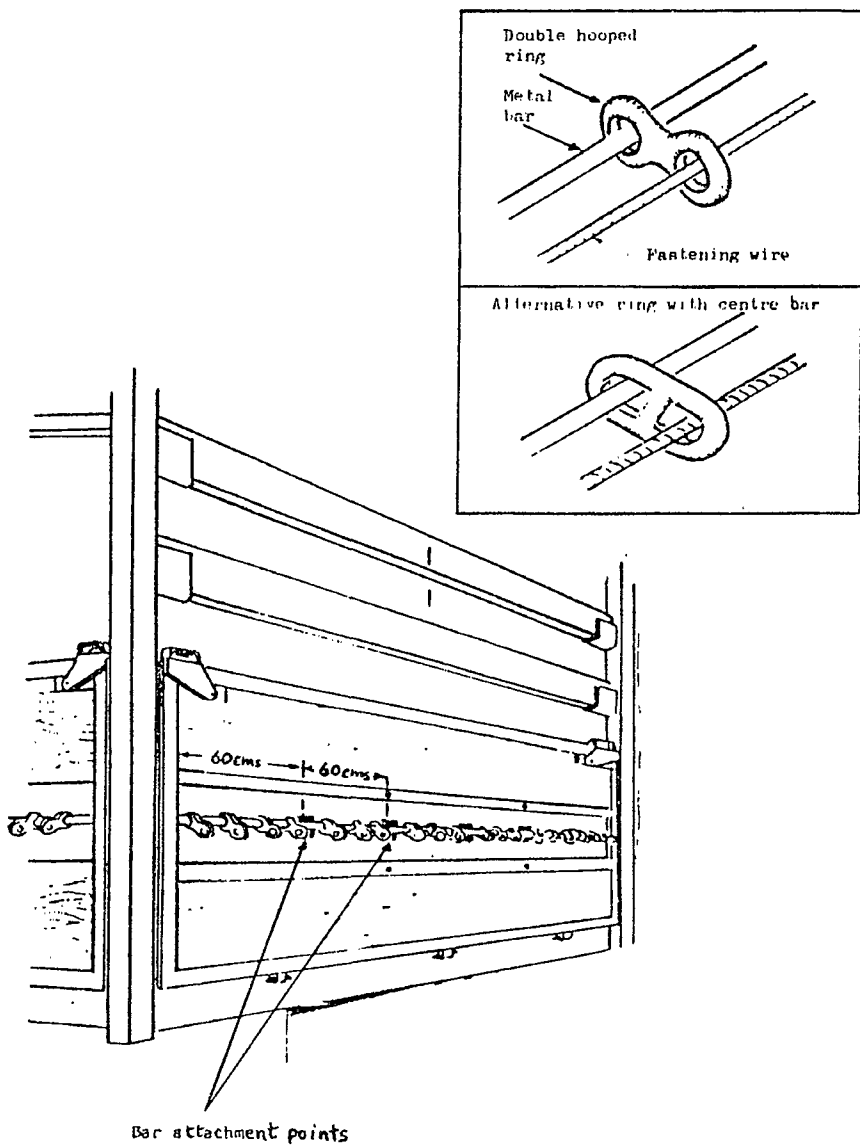


Customs sealing device

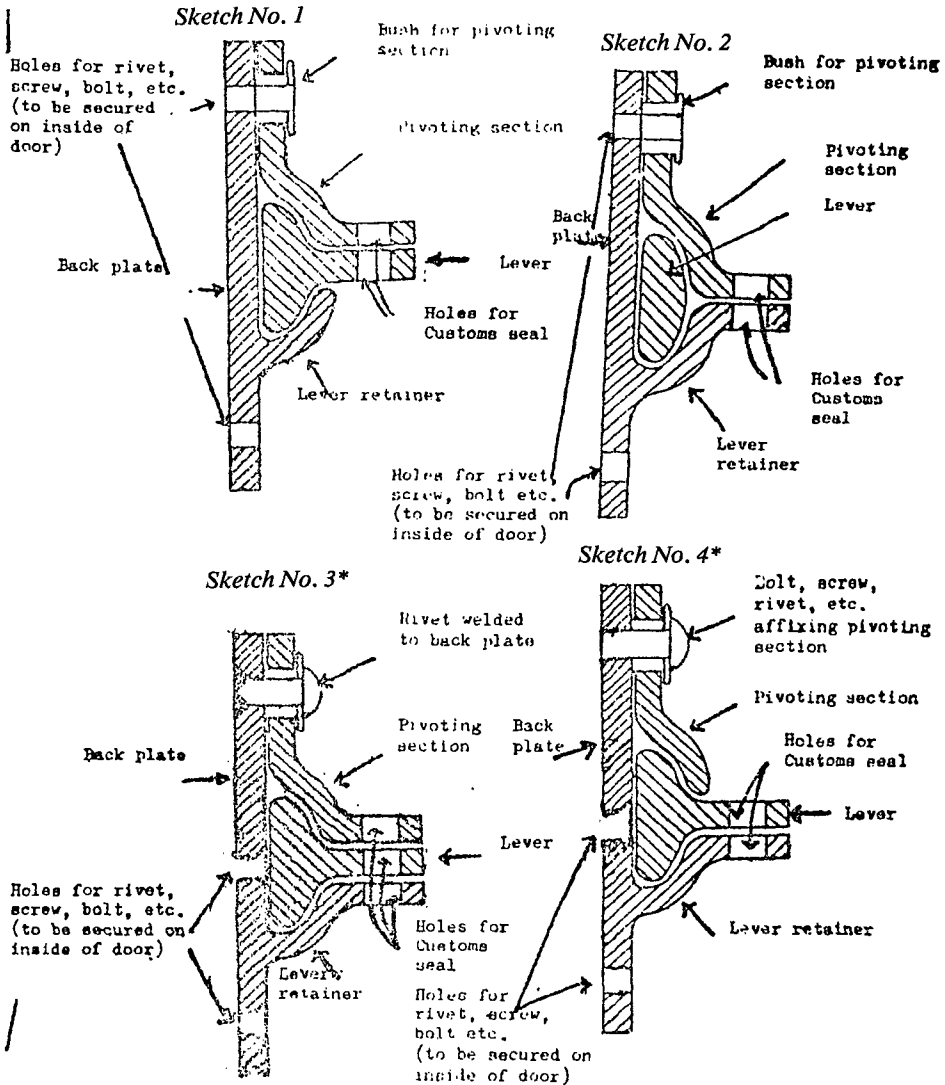
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ANNEX 6—Sketch No. 5

SHEETED CONTAINERS WITH SLIDING RINGS



EXAMPLES OF CUSTOMS SEALING DEVICES



*N.B. The Customs sealing devices shown in sketches Nos. 3 and 4 may also be used for securing the doors of refrigerated and insulated containers and vehicles. Where so used, the sealing devices may be affixed by means of at least two set bolts or set screws fixed into a metal tapping plate inserted behind the outer layer of the door. In such cases the heads of the set bolts or set screws must be so welded that they are completely deformed.

Authentic texts: English, French, Russian and Spanish.

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