Container Inspection…

7-Point Container Inspection Process:

- Procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the container structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors.
- A 7-point Container Inspection Process is recommended for all containers.
Container Inspection…

7-Point Container Inspection Process:

1. Outside/ Undercarriage (before entering facility)
2. Inside/ Outside doors
3. Right side
4. Left Side
5. Front Wall
6. Ceiling/Roof
7. Floor (Inside)
7-Point Container Inspection

1. Outside/Undercarriage
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7-Point Container Inspection...

1. Undercarriage:
   - Inspect prior to entering facility
   - Support beams should be visible
7-Point Container Inspection…

1. Undercarriage:

Solid plate/ Support beams not visible.
7-Point Container Inspection…

2. Outside/Inside Doors:
   - Secure and reliable locking mechanisms
   - Look for different color bonding material
   - Loose Bolts
   - Plates and repairs
7-Point Container Inspection…

2. Outside Doors:

Rivet type & color/ New & old rivets together.
2. Inside Doors:

Non-factory putty keeps bolts in place.

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7-Point Container Inspection…

2. Inside Doors:

Solid plates should not cover standard container cavities.
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3 & 4. Right/Left Sides:
- Unusual repairs to structural beams.
- Repairs to the walls on the inside of the container must be visible on the outside.
- Use tool to tap side walls. Listen & feel for hollow sound!
7-Point Container Inspection…

5. Front wall:
   - Blocks and vents are visible.
   - Use tool to tap front wall. Listen and fell for hollow sound!
   - Range finder, measuring tape and/or string can be utilized to determine the length of container.
7-Point Container Inspection…

6. Ceiling/ Roof:
   - Ceiling is a certain height from floor. Blocks & vents are visible.
   - Uncomfortable feeling inside container.
   - Repairs to the ceiling on the inside of the container should be visible on the outside.
   - Use tool to tap ceiling. Listen for hollow sound.
7-Point Container Inspection…

7. Floor:
- Floor should be a certain height from the ceiling
- Floor should be flat. Do not need to step up to get inside!
- Different floor heights
- Unusual repairs
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7. Floor:

Step up to get inside! Why?
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7. Floor:

Welded steel plates/1,300 lbs. of cocaine underneath the plates!
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7. Floor:

False compartment/ 550 lbs. of cocaine within compartment!

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Container Inspection…

17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection Process:

- Procedures should be in place to verify the physical integrity of the trailer structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors.
- Border crossing tractors & trailers should be inspected upon arrival at the domestic facility.
- A 17-point Tractor & Trailer Inspection Process is recommended for all trucks and trailers arriving from foreign.
17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection

1. Bumper
2. Engine
3. Tires (truck & trailer)
4. Floor
5. Fuel Tanks
6. Cab/ Storage Compartments
7. Air Tanks
8. Drive Shafts
9. Fifth Wheel
10. Outside/ Undercarriage
11. Floor
12. Inside/ Outside Doors
13. Side Walls
14. Ceiling/ Roof
15. Front Wall
16. Refrigerated Unit
17. Exhaust
17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection

1. Bumper
2. Engine
3. Tires
4. Floor
5. Fuel Tanks
6. Cab
7. Air Tanks
8. Drive Shafts
9. Fifth Wheel
10. Outside/Undercarriage
11. Floor (inside)
12. Inside/outside doors
13. Side walls
14. Ceiling/Roof
15. Front wall
16. Refrigerator Unit
17. Exhaust

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