



General Services Administration

- Removal of GSA Approved Black Label
- Containers & Vault Doors
- NISPAC meeting 4/14/2021



General Services Administration
Interagency Committee on Security Equipment and Locking Systems
27 January 2021

To: All GSA-Approved Manufacturers & Training Organizations

Subject: Phase-out Plan for Black Label Security Containers & Vault Doors

All,

The General Services Administration, Interagency Committee on Security Equipment (GSA/IACSE) in coordination with the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) is developing a phase-out plan for all GSA-approved security containers and vault doors manufactured prior to 1989 (Black GSA Label). The plan will rescind the approval for all GSA-approved security cabinets and vault doors manufactured from 1954 through 1989 (Black GSA-Approval labels) to store classified information and materials over a period of 4 years starting on as of October 1, 2024

The phase-out plan will start with the oldest cabinets (class 2) and proceed to the last of the Black Label security equipment (class 5 & 6) over a period of at least 4 years as outlined below.

All GSA-approved Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 cabinets manufactured under Federal Specifications AA-F-357 and AA-F-358 600 (Revision Indicators A - F) will be considered obsolete for the storage of classified information and materials as outlined in the below chart.

All GSA-approved Class 5 & 6 cabinets and vault doors manufactured under Federal Specification AA-F-358 (Revision Indicators A - F) and AA-D-600 (Revision Indicators A - C) before 1989 will be considered obsolete for the storage of classified information and materials as of 1 October 2028.

Black Label Phased-Out Plan Chart

GSA CLASS	FED SPEC	REVISION	YEARS PRODUCED	YEARS OF SERVICE	END OF SERVICE
1	AA-F-357	A - F	1968 - 1982	46 - 60	1 October 2028
2	AA-F-357	A - F	1954 - 1970	50 - 70	1 October 2024
3	AA-F-358	A - F	1956 - 1968	52 - 69	1 October 2025
4	AA-F-358	A - F	1956 - 1968	52 - 69	1 October 2025
5	AA-F-358	A - F	1968 - 1989	31 - 60	1 October 2028
5	AA-F-363	A - B	1963 - 1989	57 - 65	1 October 2028
5	AA-D-600	A - B	1963 - 1989	57 - 65	1 October 2028
6	AA-D-600	A - C	1963 - 1989	57 - 65	1 October 2028
6	AA-F-358	A - F	1968 - 1989	52 - 60	1 October 2028

Please contact the Chairman of the GSA/IACSE, Mr. Christopher Pollok, if you have and questions at Christopher.pollock@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Examples



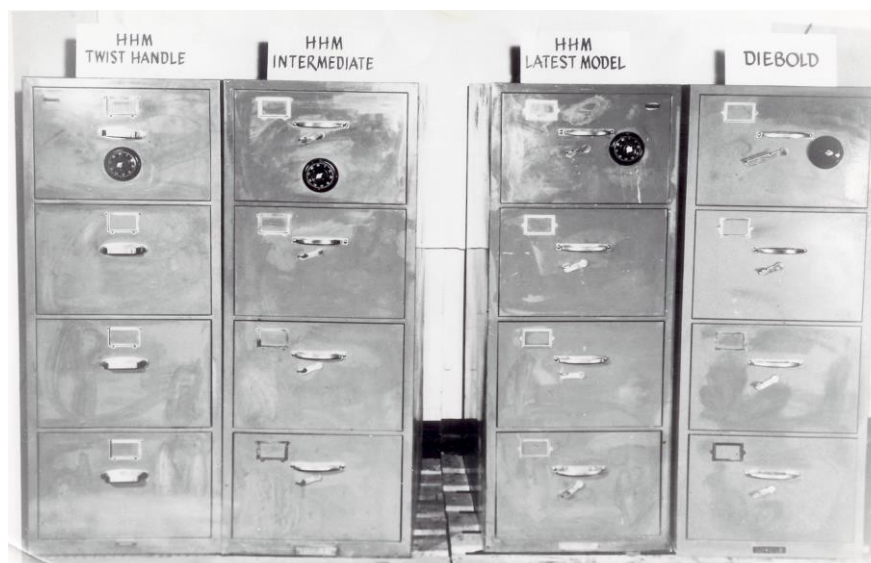
RED Label Class 6
GSA-approved
Container



BLACK Label Class 3
GSA-approved
Container

Why?

- Black Label GSA containers can be 30 - 65 years old which leads to:
 - Safety Issues
 - Drawer slides worn out
 - Drawer stops breaking off
 - Rusty interiors
 - Security Issues
 - Old steel plate designs (no lock box)
 - Old hard plate designs (cast lock box)
 - Old combination locks (mechanical)
 - Repair Issues
 - No parts available
 - Manufacturers are no longer in business



Industry Requirements

- Survey your facilities for GSA-approved containers
 - Determine how many old Black Label containers and vault doors are still in use
 - Determine if they are still required
 - Facility accreditation review
 - Possible classified Holding's reduction
- Work with your Accrediting Authority and/or Contracting Officer to formulate a Company plan for replacement of the identified Black Label containers & vault doors that are still required over the allotted time period.

Questions?

Thank You!