



General Services Administration  
 Interagency Committee on Security Equipment and Locking Systems  
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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	AMEND	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

The old GSA-approved cabinets and vault doors produced prior to 1989 can be easily identified by the silver and black GSA approval label on the outside of the cabinet or vault door and by the certification labels and manufacturing dates located on the control drawer body or on the inside of the vault door.

Please contact the Chairman of the GSA/IACSE, Mr. Christopher Pollok, if you have any questions at [Christopher.pollock@gsa.gov](mailto:Christopher.pollock@gsa.gov).

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