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CLARIFICATION FROM GSA ON BLACK LABEL CONTAINER MAINTENANCE

On April 4, 2018 FED-STD-809D changed a lot of things in our GSA container and vault door world. The biggest change Revision "D" brought was that "black label" containers should not be repaired after being neutralized because of a lockout. This change did raise a lot of questions and stirred up a bit of confusion.

In fact, the release of FED-STD-809D and its changes is what prompted me to begin this *GSA News* email. It was four months later that I had my own questions about the new rules answered and I sat down and wrote about these new rules. That was *GSA News* No. 2 since I wrote a short introductory issue to make sure I knew how to accomplish this mass email

thing first. That issue and all of the others since can be found in .pdf format on MBA USA's Government Security Downloads page. There is a link to that page below.

Anyway, the confusion is still there for some. I myself often receive emails and phone calls with questions about repairing black label containers. GSA must be getting their share of questions as well. Last week I received a memo from GSA clarifying a lot of these questions.

Here is a bulleted list from the memo I received:

- The combination lock can be replaced.
- The drawer suspensions can be replaced or repaired.
- The drawer handles and springs can be replaced or adjusted.
- Periodic adjustments (drawer head, thumb latches etc.) and bolt tightening can be accomplished as required.

These things are maintenance, not repairs after neutralization. You have it right from GSA. You can download a copy of the memo from GSA by clicking on one of the links below.

Regards,

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