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### **BLACK LABEL PHASEOUT**

I have been notified that GSA plans to phase out the use of all black label GSA containers and vault doors. In a memo from GSA dated 27 January 2021, 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 black label GSA containers and vault doors between October 2024 through October 2028.

This isn't very surprising since Federal Standard 809 has said to not repair black label containers after drilling them open as of the "D" revision from April 2018. However, I'm sure it will have an impact on offices and facilities

that have a lot of older containers.

Basically, all class 2 GSA security files will lose their approval on October 1, 2024, followed by all class 3 and class 4 GSA security files on October 1, 2025. Then all other black label containers and vault doors (classes 1, 5, and 6) will lose their GSA approval October 1, 2028.

An unsigned draft of the memo was leaked to the public before it was finalized. The official memo is dated 27 January 2021 and is signed.

The official memo can be downloaded by using the links below.

Regards,

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