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REVISED FEDERAL SPECIFICATION FOR IPS CONTAINERS

Federal Specification AA-C-2786, the "spec" for GSA Approved IPS Security Containers, has been revised. AA-C-2786A is dated June 3, 2020.

In looking through the revision, a few things stand out to me.

(I will be paraphrasing here. The notations below are not quotes of the Specification's contents. Unless, of course, I include quotation marks.)

1.1.1 Limited use. The products will include a *limited use* lock, so this was anticipated. This paragraph restricts the sale of these products.

1.1.2 Naming convention. A product's model name or number cannot refer to a US Government Policy document, Federal Specification, or Federal Standard. I suppose we won't be seeing a manufacturer's *2786 Series* of IPS Containers.

1.1.3 Intended Use. This paragraph used to be near the end of the specification as paragraph 6.1. Similar paragraphs with the same title are paragraph 6.1 in all of the other Federal Specifications covering GSA approved containers, vault doors, and locks. I wonder if this move will happen in the other specs.

1.2.2 Size. We now will have 4 standard sizes of IPS Containers. Previously, no sizes were mentioned. So technically all IPS containers have been custom sized. Note that the sizes are listed using Roman numerals like other GSA approved security equipment, but the size numbers do *not* correspond to, or match the size numbers of Map & Plan containers.

3.3.3 Standard sizes. Includes a table showing the dimensions of the four standard sizes.

3.3.6 Door(s). This paragraph ends with, "The standard size cabinets (Table I) will have a single door and shall be designed to be field replaceable with standard tools." Field replaceable doors! I hope they're adjustable.

The last paragraph on page 8 should be 3.5, not 2.5. Oops! Nobody is perfect.

3.11.1 General Services Administration label. We'll see a slightly different wording on the GSA label.

There are also several other new paragraphs, especially those regarding the cooling systems of these cabinets. I'll let you find the rest on your own.

Changes in products because of a Federal Specification's revision take time to implement. New or existing models will need to be tested and approved, or re-approved, by GSA. It could be a year or two before we see these changes.

AA-C-2786A can be downloaded by using the links below.

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