



**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SECURITY  
EQUIPMENT AND LOCKING SYSTEMS

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SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding GSA/IACSE Black Label Phase Out Plan

REF: ISOO NOTICE 2021-01

The General Services Administration, Interagency Committee on Security Equipment (GSA/IACSE) and the General Services Administration, in an effort to continue the implementation of the Black Label phase-out plan without confusion, would like to provide the following clarification regarding “black label” containers that have a manufacture date outside of those set forth in the phase-out plan found in ISOO NOTICE 2021-01.

The GSA/IACSE is aware that there are containers with Black GSA Approval Labels (“black labels”) that were manufactured after the dates listed in the phase-out plan designated in ISOO Notice 2021-01. While some of these containers have features that meet certain requirements of later Federal Specifications, they do not necessarily meet all requirements that would allow them to be recertified with a Red GSA Approval Label. To simplify the matter the GSA/IACSE state the following:

GSA/IACSE classifies all GSA Approved Security Containers with a Black GSA Approval Label as a “black label” container, regardless of the date of manufacture, and rescinds approval in accordance with the phase-out plan listed in ISOO NOTICE 2021-01.

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