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INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

# LETTER

Industrial Security Letters (ISLs) are issued periodically to inform cleared contractors, Government Contracting Activities (GCA) and DoD activities of developments relating to industrial security. The contents of these letters are for information and clarification of existing policy and requirements. Suggestions for ISLs are appreciated and should be submitted to the local Defense Security Service (DSS) cognizant industrial security office. Articles and ideas contributed will become the property of DSS. Inquiries concerning specific information in ISL's should be addressed to the cognizant DSS industrial security office.

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## 1. (5-301) GSA Storage Equipment

In accordance with NISPOM paragraph 5-301, the procurement of new secure storage equipment must be in conformance with the standards and specifications established by the General Services Administration (GSA). The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) notices [2012-04](#) and [2014-02](#) provides additional guidance to the Federal government on the safeguarding of classified national security information in GSA approved security containers and addresses the procurement of these containers. Cleared contractors should be aware of the requirements outlined in the ISOO notice when purchasing GSA approved security containers.

The requirement to procure GSA-approved security containers from approved sources does not prevent the transfer or private sale of a GSA-approved security container originally obtained through a GSA-approved source by an end user.

A GSA approval label cannot be reproduced and can only be procured by Original Equipment Manufacturers (Qualified Product List Manufacturers) and by the GSA approved training institutions. Cleared contractors can verify replacement certification labels on their GSA-approved security containers by contacting the following two GSA-approved certifying schools who issue the recertification labels to persons authorized to inspect and recertify GSA-approved security containers and vault doors. Contact Lockmasters Security Institute for label serial numbers that begin with "LM" and MBA USA for label serial numbers that begin with "MBA."

Lockmasters Security Institute 1014 South Main Street Nicholasville, KY 40356 Phone: (800) 654-0637 (Toll Free) Phone: (859) 885-6041	MBA USA, Inc. 200 Orchard Drive Nicholasville, KY 40356 USA Phone: (888) 622-5495 (Toll Free) Phone: (859) 887-0496
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Repair procedures for GSA approved containers and vault doors are outlined in [Federal Standard 809B, “Neutralization and Repair of GSA Approved Containers and Vault Doors.”](#)

For any other questions, call the DoD Lock Program at 800-290-7607 or DSN: 551-1212.

## **2. (5-901) CSA Approval of IDS**

DSS will approve the use of DoD intrusion detection systems (IDS) by cleared contractors who are located on DoD installations in lieu of a system that is UL-2050 certified when the following conditions are met:

- DSS serves as the CSO with oversight and inspection of the cleared contractor location as requested by the Heads of the DoD Component or Military Installation.
- the IDS system is approved by the Head of a DoD Component and documentation of the approval is provided to DSS;
- there is an agreement in place between the head of the installation and the cleared contractor that includes the procedures for alarm monitoring, investigative response; and maintenance of the IDS; and
- the cleared contractor maintains a copy of the above agreement.

## **3. (5-902) Central Monitoring Stations**

NISPOM 5-902 states monitoring stations may be located at a UL-listed Government Contractor Monitoring Station (GCMS), cleared commercial central station, cleared protective signaling service station, or cleared residential monitoring station. In accordance with UL-2050 (National Industrial Security Systems), GCMSs are not required to be UL-listed. While GCMSs are not UL-listed, the UL-listed Alarm Services Company (ASC) verifies compliance with UL-2050 prior to issuing UL-2050 certificates for installed alarmed systems when monitored by the GCMS. The issuance of the UL-2050 certificate by the ASC for the installed alarm system serves as the documentation for approval and use of the GCMS by the contractor for the monitoring of alarms.

The fifth Edition of UL-2050, dated November 5, 2010 established the National Industrial Security Monitoring Station (NIMS) as a category of UL-Listed (CRZM) monitoring stations. The use of NIMS conforms to the requirements of NISPOM 5-902.