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A NEW FEDERAL SPECIFICATION FOR LOCKS

THE "NATO" LOCK

GSA has released FEDERAL SPECIFICATION, LOCKS, COMBINATION, ELECTROMECHANICAL, US ALLIES. This new Federal Specification's designation is FF-L-2938. I received a draft copy of it a little more than a year ago, so I know that it has been in the planning stages for at least that long. I've heard this new idea often referred to the "NATO" lock since it will be used by our NATO allies, but it may appear in other areas of the world as well.

The intended use for these new locks will be for the protection of US and foreign national security information. They will be similar to the locks approved under FF-L-2740B (Kaba-Mas X-10 and Sargent & Greenleaf 2740B), however there will be intentional differences.

The sales of these locks will be restricted to just the container manufacturers in support of authorized programs. This means they will not be sold through distributors and you're not likely to see them stateside. However, those working and serving overseas may encounter them.

I'm sure it will take time for these new locks to get approved and begin usage. However, we will all be on the lookout for them in the coming years.

You will find a link to directly download the new FF-L-2938 below.

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