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THE LATEST REVISION OF AA-F-358

The Federal Specification for GSA approved uninsulated security files is designated AA-F-358. It has been around since 1956 and has undergone many revisions since the early days. The latest revision is AA-F-358K which was released February 16, 2023. This new revision incorporates the changes that were made in the three amendments to the "J" revision. It also adds a class of container, removes (or cancels) a design for security files, and slightly changes the information on GSA labels. There are a few more small changes, but I'll just review the ones I mentioned.

The new class of GSA container is Class 5-S. This will be a drawer type

container meeting all of the security and construction requirements of a standard Class 5. However, the Class 5-S containers will have an added pedestal so they can be installed permanently onboard ships. The idea is similar to the Class 6-S containers that were added to the "J" revision in November 2010.

The design that was removed is "Dual Multiple Lock". This design was a lock configuration where each drawer of the container had one or two locks. This was different from the "Multiple Lock" design. Multiple Lock (ML) containers have one lock on each drawer. Dual Multiple Lock (DM) containers have locks on each drawer, but one or more of the drawers have two locks. It's a small difference, but there has not been a need for two locks on drawers for file cabinets of this type for a long time. Naturally, this description does not include 1-drawer sizes. Although the DM design has not actually been manufactured since the early 1990's, it has continued to be included in the specification until this new revision.

The change to the GSA label is that it will now include the year of manufacturer of the product to be printed or stamped below the manufacturer's name.

2 New Qualified Products Lists

Qualified Products Lists QPL-AA-F-358-21 and QPL-AA-F-363-20 were also released on February 16, 2023.

The new QPL for AA-F-358 (drawer-type security files) doesn't list any new products. The only changes I see are some company names and/or addresses have been updated.

The new QPL for AF-F-363 (Map & Plan containers) adds the newest GSA container manufacturer, American Made Safe and Security. They now offer class 5 and class 6 Map & Plan containers. I see a few confusing things on this QPL. Some sizes are listed that don't exist in the Federal Specification and Trusted Systems is still listed even though they only offer IPS containers.

Links to the three new documents in this newsletter can be found below.

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