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MEMORANDUM FOR VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Shipboard Containers Used for the Storage of Classified Information

References: (a) DoDM 5200.01-V3
(b) Federal Specification AA-F-358J
(c) MIL-S-901 and MIL-STD-167-1
(d) SECNAV M-5510.36

There is a new General Service Administration (GSA) approved shipboard security container. Therefore, GSA approved security containers modified for shipboard use that have been drilled into, welded or otherwise affixed to the vessel, and non-GSA approved security containers (e.g., file cabinets, stateroom lock boxes, etc.) built specifically for shipboard use do not meet reference (a) requirements for the storage of classified information, unless one of the following conditions exist.

- Located in an open storage area formally designated in writing to meet the requirements of enclosure 3, section 3, of reference (a) for the storage of classified information; or,
- Located in an area with (1) continuous operations (i.e., personnel operating in the area 24/7), (2) security in-depth to deter, detect, delay entry and movement to the area on the ship per enclosure (3), section 4, of reference (a), (3) controlled access per enclosure (3), section 12, of reference (a), and (4) an alerting system if the occupants cannot observe all potential entrances into the room per the appendix to enclosure (3), section 2.e(6) of reference (a).
- In-service and in-production design submarines (e.g., Virginia and Ohio Classes), due to unique design/space, weight, and access constraints.

Shipboard security containers not meeting the requirements of reference (a) or the conditions cited above, shall be replaced with the new GSA approved Class 6 shipboard security container, per the timeline provided in Table 1 below. The new container meets the requirements of references (a) and (b), including the shock and vibration testing standards of reference (c). Additionally, it has an integrated pedestal for direct mounting to the deck by either bolting or welding without compromising the integrity of the security container. Ordering information for the new GSA approved shipboard security container is available at http://www.navfac.navy.mil/navfac_worldwide/specialty_centers/exwc/products_and_services/capital_improvements/dod_lock/SecurityHardware/SecurityContainers/Container_Order.html.

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GSA approved Class 6 shipboard security container priority replacement is as follows:

PRIORITY	CLASSIFICATION LEVEL	TIMEFRAME
1	All levels of classified information	Immediately, if repair(s) required rather than returning it to service.
2	Top Secret	No later than (NLT) end of fiscal year (FY) 2019
3	Secret or below	NLT end of FY 2021

Table 1: Security Container Priority Replacement

Requirements of reference (d), paragraph 10-6.3 still apply and shall be enforced for all new ship designs (where feasible for submarine platforms, based on design, space, weight, and access constraints), and security inspections shall ensure compliance with the requirements in this memorandum. Any previous exceptions to the provisions of reference (d) for the storage of classified material in a GSA-approved security container in a shipboard environment are no longer valid, including those based on previous iterations of that policy (i.e., SECNAVINST 5510.36 of 17 March 1998 or OPNAVINST 5510.1 series).

Commands shall consolidate classified holdings in areas or security containers meeting requirements of reference (a), in order to minimize the cost of replacing existing security containers. Ensure compliance with enclosure (3), sections 11.b(4) and 13, of reference (a), prior to replacement and removal of security containers.

Reference (d) will be updated to incorporate the requirements of this memorandum.

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