

security equipment used within the Department of Defense.

(c) *Storage of classified information.* Classified information is to be guarded or stored in a locked security container, vault, room, or area, as follows:

(1) *Top Secret.* Top Secret information shall be stored in the following:

(i) A GSA-approved security container or modular vault, in a vault; or in the U.S., in a secure room if under U.S. Government control (see appendix F to this part). Other rooms that were approved for the storage of Top Secret in the U.S. may continue to be used. When located in areas not under U.S. Government control, the storage container, vault, or secure room must be protected by an intrusion detection system or guarded when unoccupied. U.S. Government control means access to the classified material is controlled by an appropriately cleared U.S. Government civilian, military, or contractor employee. An intrusion detection system (IDS) used for this purpose shall meet the requirements of appendix G to this part. Security forces shall respond to the alarmed location within 15 minutes from time of notification.

(ii) New purchases of combination locks for GSA-approved security containers, vault doors and secure rooms shall conform to Federal Specification FF-L-2740. Existing mechanical combination locks will not be repaired. If they should fail, they will be replaced with locks meeting FF-L-2740.

(iii) Under field conditions during military operations, the commander may prescribe the measures deemed adequate to meet the storage standard contained in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

(iv) Protection of Top Secret outside the United States requires application of one or more supplementary controls, i.e., continuous guard or duty personnel, inspections of locked containers/vaults or an alarm system.

(2) *Secret and Confidential.* Secret and Confidential information shall be stored in the manner prescribed for Top Secret; or in secure rooms that were approved for the storage of Secret or Confidential material by the DoD Components prior to October 1, 1995. Until October 1, 2002, Secret and Confidential information may also be stored in unapproved or obsolete steel filing cabinets having a built-in combination lock or secured with a lockbar and approved combination padlock in areas under U.S. Government control, or in areas not under U.S. Government control provided the area is protected by an IDS or is guarded when

unoccupied. Where IDS is used to protect such information it should meet the requirements of appendix G to this part. Security forces shall respond to the alarmed location within 45 minutes from time of notification.

(3) *Specialized security equipment—*

(i) *Military platforms or classified munition items.* The Heads of the DoD Components shall, consistent with this part, delineate the appropriate security measures required to protect classified information stored in containers on military platforms or for classified munition items.

(ii) *Special purpose containers.* GSA-approved field safes and special purpose one and two drawer light-weight security containers approved by the GSA are used primarily for storage of classified information in the field and in military platforms. Such containers shall be securely fastened to the structure or under constant surveillance to prevent their theft. Use of these containers in ordinary office environments, or their procurement for this purpose, must be approved by major commands or equivalents.

(iii) *Map and plan files.* GSA-approved map and plan files are available for storage of odd-sized items such as computer media, maps, charts, and classified equipment.

(iv) *Modular vaults.* GSA-approved modular vaults meeting Federal Specification AA-V-2737 may be used to store classified information as an alternative to vault requirements described in Appendix F to this part.

(4) *Replacement of combination locks.* The mission and location of the activity, the classification level and sensitivity of the information, and the overall security posture of the activity determines the priority for replacement of existing combination locks. All system components and supplemental security measures including electronic security systems (e.g., intrusion detection systems, automated entry control subsystems, and video assessment subsystems), and level of operations must be evaluated by the commander when determining the priority for replacement of security equipment. Appendix H to this part provides a matrix illustrating a prioritization scheme for the replacement of existing combination locks on GSA-approved security containers and vault doors. Priority 1 requires immediate replacement.

(5) *Storage of bulky material.* Storage areas for bulky material containing classified information may have access openings secured by GSA-approved changeable combination padlocks (Federal Specification FF-P-110 series)

or high security key-operated padlocks (Military Specification MIL-P-43607). Other security measures are required, in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(i) The Heads of the DoD Components shall establish administrative procedures for the control and accountability of keys and locks whenever key-operated, high-security padlocks are utilized. The level of protection provided such keys shall be equivalent to that afforded the classified information being protected by the padlock.

(ii) 10 U.S.C. 1386 makes unauthorized possession of keys, key-blanks, keyways or locks adopted by any part of the Department of Defense for use in the protection of conventional arms, ammunition, or explosives, special weapons, and classified equipment, a criminal offense punishable by fine or imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

(d) *Procurement of new storage equipment.*—(1) New security storage equipment shall be procured from those items listed on the GSA Federal Supply Schedule. Exceptions may be made by the heads of the DoD Components, with notification to the ASD(C31). Components should retain and apply serviceable storage equipment made available as consequence of draw downs, contractor turn-in of government furnished equipment, or other events; promptly report excess containers to property disposal; and fulfill requirements for added equipment through property disposal when that is cost beneficial.

(2) Current holdings of classified material shall be reduced to the minimum required for mission accomplishment.

(3) Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to modify existing Federal supply class management assignments made under DoD Directive 5030.47¹⁹

(e) *Equipment designations and combinations*—(1) *Numbering and designating storage facilities.* There will be no external mark revealing the level of classified information authorized to be or actually stored in a given container or vault. Priorities for emergency evacuation and destruction will not be marked or posted on the exterior of storage containers or vaults.

(2) *Combinations to containers and vaults.* (i) *Changing.* Combinations to security containers, vaults and secure rooms shall be changed only by individuals having that responsibility and an appropriate security clearance. Combinations shall be changed:

¹⁹ See footnote 2 to § 159a.3.