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News Release: NSA/CSS CSDSR Changes to Guidelines for Optical Media Destruction and Expiration of Non-Compliant Equipment Effective October 2024

DOVER, NH, JANUARY 2024 - In Q4 2018 the NSA Center for Storage Device Sanitization Research (CSDSR) announced new guidelines for reduced end-particle size for CUI/TS/S and Classified Optical Media, a standard called "04-02." The new standard requires DVDs and Blu-ray discs (BD) to be reduced to a particle size of 2mm edge length for all CUI/TS/S and Classified data.

In Q4 2018 the NSA CSDSR granted a 6-year grace period for agencies and contractors to make the necessary equipment change, culminating in decertification on October 1, 2024.

Please see the [Q4 2023 NSA CSDSR Evaluated Products List](#) for Optical Destruction Device Requirements to see if your product and method are affected.

Formax Products Affected

FD 8730HS Acceptable Material: CD, Paper, DVD Usage until October 2024

The Formax **FD 8730HS** Paper and Optical Media Shredder is affected by this change and does *not* meet the 2018 2mm edge length requirement for BD or DVD storage media. If in local or central use for BD or DVD, please inquire with a Formax Replacement Request.

FD 8732HS Acceptable Material: CD, DVD, BD, Paper

The Formax **FD 8732HS** is the only NSA evaluated product listed (EPL) for both Paper & Optical Media Destruction that meets the current requirements. This provides a direct replacement for the FD 8730HS and other models set for decertification in October 2024.

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