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ASB Std 117
Standard for Examination of Stamping Devices and Stamp Impressions

Note: a specific Proposed Resolution must accompany each comment or it cannot be considered.

#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editor)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Final Resolution
3	foreword	E	Para 1, Second Sentence needs a verb	insert verb "was". <i>The initial draft document originally was developed. or combined second and third sentences: . . . (SWGDOC) was the basis . . .</i>	Accept
4	foreword	T	A generic history statement for this section is under development in the context of other standards. It should be here	Use boilerplate paragraph for consistency among ASB Standards	Reject: The information in the forward is the preferred information for this document.
5	foreword	E	"No matter the die material," seems a bit awkward and potentially confusing	<i>Regardless of the die materail,</i>	Accept
6	3.2	T	Class characteristics are defined as "marks or properties that associate individuals as members of a group" This definition mixes Class and Sub-Class characteristics	Use extant derinitions	Reject: This refers to stamps manufacturing process. The WG reviewed other definitions and found them to be specific to the discipline. No suggested definition was provided.
7	3.3	T	some stamps have an image (e.g., a siganture) with or without text	<i>printed image and/or text</i>	Accept
8	3.15	T	damage produced during use can also be permanent	retitle as "manufacturing defect" to differentiate from a "progressive defect"	Accept with modification: Proposed resolution was accepted and a last sentence was added to this definition. ("This is often referred to as a permanent defect.")
9	3.18	T	"appearance" is a problematic word here because the defect "appears" at some point in the lifetime of the stamp and can then change its "appearance" with continued use and deterioration.	<i>A defect ot feature that appears during the use of the stamp and can change with additional usage.</i>	Accept
10	3.19	T	RAC is a well definded term of art among the shoeprint and other criminalistic pattern type examiners.	Use the generic definition of RAC and put the stamp specific examples in a <i>Discussion</i> section	Accept with modification: The proposed resolution was accepted and the tire and footwear definition was modified for stamp examinations.
11	4.1.1	T	Due to gaps in the KSAs of a trainer, generic training in forensic document examination might not be sufficient for certain areas within the broad scope of this discipline	add <i>this area</i> at the end: "... and experience specific to <i>this area</i> of forensic document examinaion." (This addition should also be added to the other SOP type standards.)	Reject: Redundant. This section includes "appropriate education for the examination of stamping device examinations.
22	4.1.2	E	The SWGFDOC standard is missing the version. For consistency among standards the version should be added. If a version is not added and a SWGDOC standard is revised, then there could be confusion if a revised standard changes what was approved when the standard was passed.	Insert "Version 2013" or just add "2013" after the title as was done when SWGDOC standards were referenced in other ASB standards.	Accept
1	4.5.2	E	The last two sentences of 4.5.2 and section 4.5.5 are very similar; I believe the statement regarding the examiner may cease the exam and note the reason(s) only needs to be stated once.	I propose deleting the last two sentences of 4.5.2 "The examiner may discontinue the procedure at any point during the examination. The examiner shall record the reason(s) for such a decision." and combine the info with 4.5.5 (see next line)	Accept with modification: The last two sentences from 4.5.2 were deleted.

2	4.5.5	E	Combine the last two sentences of 4.5.2 with this section; I believe the statement regarding the examiner may cease the exam and note the reason(s) only needs to be stated once. I also recommend adding the word "suitability" since this is an important part of determining whether or not an examination can be conducted.	I propose working the last two sentences of 4.5.2 into 4.5.5 and adding the work "suitability" so 4.5.5 reads: At various points in these procedures, the forensic document examiner might make the determination that a particular character or feature is not present or that an item is lacking in suitability , quality or comparability and discontinue or limit the procedure(s). It is at the discretion of the examiner to discontinue the procedure at any point and report accordingly or to continue with the applicable procedures to the extent possible. The reason(s) for such a decision shall be recorded.	Accept with modification: With the deletion of the last two sentences in 4.5.2 this statement is no longer duplicated. The words "suitability" and "any" were added as proposed and section 4.5.5 was edited for clarity.
12	4.5.10.1	E	"original" might be misconstrued as indication the stamp die rather than the impression.	add "impression" to mirror the usage in the next section. "Examination of the original impression is preferable, and consideration shall be given to obtaining the original impression , if not submitted."	Accept with modification: Stamp impression was added instead of impression. Also, the introduction to this section 4.5.10 clarifies this further.
13	4.5.10.3 note	T	use of the undefined term "individual defects" when we seem to be moving to the use of RAC as the term for this sort of thing	use RACs	Accept
14	4.5.10.4 note	T	use of the undefined term "individual characteristic" when we seem to be moving to the use of RAC as the term for this sort of thing	use RAC	Accept
15	4.5.11.6.3	T	Because "generations" is commonly used by FDEs to refer to photocopies, its use for freshly inked and subsequent impressions is confusing. Sorry, the copiers got to the word first.	Multiple stamp impressions can be obtained from hand stamps and self-inking stamps. Stamps where the die and the ink are one unit, for example, gel stamps and flat die stamps, will only produce freshly inked impressions.	Reject: 4.5.11.6.3. was moved and it is now 4.5.11.6.7 for better clarification and 4.5.11.6.5 was edited to provide further clarification.
16	4.5.11.6.6	T	Because "generations" is commonly used by FDEs to refer to photocopies, its use for freshly inked and subsequent impressions is confusing. Sorry, the copiers got to the word first.	Ink the stamp and produce a fully inked impression followed by a second, third, and fourth impression with progressively lesser inking that are produced at varying angles by rocking the stamp back and forth on the substrate and by changing the pressure applied during stamping. Re-ink the stamp and repeat this procedure as needed.	Reject: This section is now 4.5.11.6.5 and was edited to provide further clarity.
17	4.5.11.6.7	E	rewrite for clarity	The heaviest inking will be in the first impression. Continue impressing the die onto the paper producing impressions with progressively less inking.	Reject: This section is now 4.5.11.6.6. The current wording is clear as is.
18	4.5.12	T	use of the undefined term "individual defects" when we seem to be moving to the use of RAC as the term for this sort of thing	use RACs	Accept
19	4.6.2.1	T	use of the undefined term "individualizing characteristics" when we seem to be moving to the use of RAC as the term for this sort of thing	Use "class characteristics and RACs"	Accept
20	4.6.2.3	T	use of the undefined term "individualizing characteristics" when we seem to be moving to the use of RAC as the term for this sort of thing	Use "class characteristics, RACs, or"	Accept
21	Sec 2	E	The SWGDOC standard is missing the version. For consistency among standards the version should be added. If a version is not added and a SWGDOC standard is revised, then there could be confusion if a revised standard changes what was approved when the standard was passed.	Insert "Version 2013" or just add "2013" after the title as was done when SWGDOC standards were referenced in other ASB standards.	Accept
23	Annex A	E	One Editorial comment : Annex A 4) David Ellen : The Scientific Examination of Documents : Methods and Techniques the 4th edition is 2018, not 2006.		Accept