



OSAC Standards Bulletin

February 2018

BULLETIN SUMMARY

This Bulletin provides an update on forensic science standards that are moving through the development process at standards developing organizations (SDOs), and those that are moving through the Registry Approval Process at the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC).

Please consider providing comments on documents that are open for comment.

OSAC Registry Standards open for comment: 0 Items

SDO Documents open for comment: 2 Items

OSAC REGISTRY NEWS

Intent to Add to the OSAC Registry – Items Open for Comment

There is currently nothing open for comment in the OSAC Registry Approval Process.

Standards Moving Through the OSAC Registry Approval Process

This section only lists standards that moved from one step in the OSAC Registry Approval Process to another during the last month. A list of all standards currently under consideration is available on [the OSAC website](#).

No documents have advanced through the OSAC Registry Approval Process in the last month.

OSAC Draft Standards Submitted to Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs)

OSAC developed the following draft standards and has submitted them to SDOs for formal development:

[Firearms & Toolmarks Subcommittee](#)

The following draft standards were submitted to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) American Standards Board (ASB):

- [Standard for 3D Measurement Systems and Measurement Quality Control for Firearm and Toolmark Analysis](#)
- [Standard for Barrel and Overall Length Measurements for Firearms Comparisons](#)
- [Standard for Implementation of 3D Technologies in Forensic Laboratories for Firearm and Toolmark Analysis](#)
- [Standards for Topography Comparison Software for Firearm and Toolmark Analysis](#)

STANDARDS DEVELOPING ORGANIZATION (SDO) NEWS

Comment Period Open on Draft Documents

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Academy Standards Board (ASB):

ASB Standard 022, *Standard for Forensic DNA Analysis Training Programs*, First Edition (**Comment deadline, March 19, 2018**)

ASB Standard 040, *Standard for Forensic DNA Interpretation and Comparison Protocols*, First Edition (**Comment deadline, March 5, 2018**)

Please visit the [Notification of Standard Development and Coordination](#) area of the AAFS Standards Board website to view the comment resolutions from the initial public comment periods, the updated documents, and redline versions of the documents. The comment template can also be downloaded from the website. Please send any questions to asb@aafs.org.

New Work Proposals for New or Revised Standards

ASTM International E30.12 Digital and Multimedia Evidence:

- [ASTM WK61709 New Practice for Standard Practice for Data Retrieval from Digital CCTV System](#).
The OSAC - VITAL Subcommittee created this document, because there were at the time four different organizations that provided a guideline/best practice for collecting video evidence from Digital CCTV.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) TC 272 Forensic Science:

- [ISO/NP 20964 Forensic sciences -- Specification for consumables used in the collection, preservation and processing of material for forensic analysis -- Requirements for product](#)

New Standards

These new standards are eligible for consideration by OSAC:

ASTM International E30.12 Digital and Multimedia Evidence:

- [ASTME3115 - Standard Guide for Capturing Facial Images for Use with Facial Recognition Systems](#)

Revised/Reapproved Standards

These revised/reapproved standards are eligible for consideration by OSAC:

- [ASTM E1950:2017 Practice for Reporting Results from Methods of Chemical Analysis](#)

Withdrawn Standards

These standards have been withdrawn by the standards developing organization:

ASTM International E30 Forensic Science:

- [ASTM E2195 - Standard Terminology Relating to the Examination of Questioned Documents \(Withdrawn 2018\)](#) withdrawn, with no replacement.

- [ASTM E2287 - Standard Guide for Examination of Fracture Patterns and Paper Fiber Impressions on Single-Strike Film Ribbons and Typed Text \(Withdrawn 2018\)](#) withdrawn, with no replacement.
- [ASTM E2288 - Standard Guide for Physical Match of Paper Cuts, Tears, and Perforations in Forensic Document Examinations \(Withdrawn 2018\)](#) withdrawn, with no replacement.
- [ASTM E444 - Standard Guide for Scope of Work of Forensic Document Examiners \(Withdrawn 2018\)](#) withdrawn, with no replacement.

OTHER NEWS

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Academy Standards Board (ASB):

ASB held a General Information Session on January 11, 2018. The ASB Secretariat and Communications Liaison gave an online presentation to the AAFS Standards Board general membership outlining the history, structure, and processes of the ASB. A copy of the presentation can be [downloaded here](#). A video of the presentation can be [downloaded here](#).

United Kingdom Forensic Science Regulator (UKFSR)

The UKFSR published its [Annual Report: November 2016 – November 2017](#) on January 19, 2018.