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Introduction

This document is part of a series which, when completed, will include the different components of the forensic process from scene to courtroom. This document establishes requirements designed to safeguard the reliability of results produced by the forensic process. It includes measures to protect items during the process of recognition, recording, collecting, transport and storage, which apply throughout the forensic process, both in the field and in the facility. The requirements are designed to protect items from loss, degradation, contamination and to minimize the negative impact of handling or packaging on downstream process.

[Annexes A, B and C](#) are for information only.

The notes given provide clarification of the text, examples and guidance. They do not contain requirements and do not form an integral part of this document.

Forensic sciences —

Part 2:

Recognition, recording, collecting, transport and storage of items

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the forensic process focusing on recognition, recording, collection, transport and storage of items of potential forensic value. It includes requirements for the assessment and examination of scenes but is also applicable to activities that occur within the facility. This document also includes quality requirements.

This document is not applicable to procedures for the recovery of data from digital storage media which is covered by ISO/IEC 27037. However, the storage medium itself can yield additional items of forensic value (e.g. fingerprints or DNA).

[Annex D](#) shows the applicability of this document to the forensic process.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 21043-1, *Forensic sciences — Terms and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21043-1 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Abbreviations

DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment

5 General requirements

5.1 Quality

Policies and/or procedures shall be documented and include:

- a) document control;