FEAC - A Summary of Critical Decisions

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ISO/IEC 17020

1. Annex A of ISO/IEC 17020 describes the independence requirements for inspection bodies. For clarification, the FEAC has determined Type A, B and C to be defined as follows as it applies to forensic inspection units:

1.1. Type A: These organizations perform site examination, evidence collection, transport, storage and/or inspection (e.g. fingerprint analysis) at the request of the customer (e.g. prosecution, police agency, private citizen). They do not participate in the investigation (e.g. interview suspects, victims) other than to provide their results/reports to the customer.

1.2. Type B: These organizations are included as part of the investigative team and include staff that could be considered a customer (e.g. an individual(s) that review or make use of the inspection results to further the investigation).

1.3. Type C: These organizations are included as part of the investigative team (Type B), but are also available to other customers (e.g. other jurisdictions or private citizens) (Type A).

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