

QD SOP-17 Stamp Impressions

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A. Purpose:

To identify or eliminate, if possible, whether a particular ["Known"] rubber or steel stamp was used to produce a particular stamp impression on a document.

To identify or eliminate, if possible, whether a particular ["Known"] rubber or steel stamp produced the [stamp] impression appearing on two or more documents.

To identify or eliminate, if possible, whether a particular ["Unknown"] rubber or steel stamp produced the [stamp] impression appearing on two or more documents.

B. Responsibility:

Assigned section staff

C. Procedure:

1. Materials:

(Document(s) displaying subject stamp impression(s).

Stamping device or standards produced by said device.

Appropriate Documentation Equipment (Camera/Scanner/Photocopier).

2. Method:

Examine stamping device to identify any machine, printing and/or transitory defects which might be present.

"Side by Side" inter-comparison examination between the subject (questioned) stamp and the impression samples to determine if any of the characteristic defects are present in both impressions.

D. Sources of Error:

Not applicable

E. References:

See Bibliography/Reference Materials.