



## **BTP FOOTWEAR EVIDENCE POLICY**

### **1.0 Policy Statement**

- 1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will obtain, process, analyse and when necessary use as evidence in any court proceedings footwear impressions evidence. BTP will optimise the use of recovered footwear marks for intelligence purposes and allow real time monitoring of results.

### **2.0 Overview**

- 2.1 This is a new policy.
- 2.2 This policy stems from the Serious and Organised Crime Act 2005 (SOCA) which has amended the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.
- 2.3 This policy will apply to all BTP Police Officers and Police Staff.
- 2.4 This policy applies in England, Wales, and Scotland.

### **3.0 Applicable Date, Monitoring and Review**

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from 29 August 2006.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed every three years.

### **4.0 Ownership**

- 4.1 This policy is owned by ACC Crime.
- 4.2 Any queries related to this policy should be directed to the Scientific Support Unit.

### **5.0 Associated Documents**

- 5.1 Footwear Evidence BTP Standard Operating Procedures
- 5.2 Forensic Collection and Submission BTP Policy
- 5.3 DNA Sampling and Retention BTP Policy
- 5.4 PACE on Footwear Impressions
- 5.4 Footwear Image Capture BTP Policy