

Investigations, including Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViCLAS)

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Title: Investigations Standard (to include ViCLAS) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*

Summary of Proposal:

In 2021, the ministry posted a draft regulation, under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2021*, on Investigations Standard that would establish new investigative standards relating to the undertaking and managing of investigations into missing persons and the investigation of *Criminal Code*, *Controlled Drug and Substances Act*, and *Cannabis Act* offences.

The ministry is proposing that that regulation also include obligations regarding the use of the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViCLAS).

The regulation would require investigators to complete and submit ViCLAS Crime Analysis Reports within 30 days of the start of specified types of investigation. The specified types of investigation would be substantially similar to the types of investigation to which O. Reg. 550/96, Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System Reports, under the *Police Services Act* currently applies.

The regulation would also require:

- investigators to update ViCLAS Crime Analysis Reports within 30 days of a material change in the information or 30 days acquiring information that is significant to the investigation; and
- investigators who receive a Potential Linkage Report to promptly conduct a follow-up investigation and to report the results of the follow-up investigation within 60 days.

SOLGEN welcomes your comments and feedback.

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Effective Date: December 2023, with a date to be confirmed following completion of all regulations.