SIGINT Authority decision tree
For targeting in response to a valid Foreign Intelligence requirement

LEGEND:
FISA = Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978
FISC = Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court
FAA = FISA Amendments Act of 2008
EO 12333 = Executive Order 12333 of 2008
CAA = Classified Annex Authority
(Annc to NSA/CSS Policy 1-23 of 2009)

FISC Orders are normally required for this type of collection. These may use FISA or FAA Section 703, 704, or 705b authority.

FISC Orders are usually required; however, some additional authorities like the CAA may apply.

FAA Section 702 Certifications applies when using US Carrier assistance and the target fits within a certification target set.*

Signals Intelligence Directorate Policy requires an additional approval to target Second Party persons. See Additional Authorities Lesson for details.

* Some FORNSAT and SCS sites may be physically located inside of the United States however; they are treated like foreign Conventional Collection sites.