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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-104, *Building Information Modelling*.

The objective of this document is to define a framework for the development of built environment classification systems. It identifies a set of recommended classification table titles for a range of information object classes according to particular views, e.g. by form or function, supported by definitions. It shows how the object classes classified in each table are related, as a series of systems and sub-systems, e.g. in a building information model.

This document does not provide a complete operational classification system, nor does it provide the content of the tables, though it does give examples. It is intended for use by organizations which develop and publish such classification systems and tables, which may vary in detail to suit local needs. However, if this document is applied in the development of local classification systems and tables, then harmonization between them will be facilitated.

This document applies to the complete life cycle of construction works, including briefing, design, documentation, construction, operation and maintenance, and demolition. It applies to both building and civil engineering works, including associated engineering services and landscaping.

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12006-2:2001), which has been technically revised.

ISO 12006 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Building construction — Organization of information about construction works*:

— *Part 2: Framework for classification*

— *Part 3: Framework for object-oriented information*

Annexes A and B of this part of ISO 12006 are for information only.

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Introduction

0.1 Background

This part of ISO 12006 was first produced when there was little international standardization of classification systems for construction. Now, several national classification systems have been developed, for example, in North America, Scandinavia, and the UK, that implement the 2001 edition. Lessons learned in these implementations have been applied in this second edition.

This part of ISO 12006 has also been revised to take into account developments in information technology (notably building information modelling) and construction procurement (for example, design-build and design-build-operate). It has been extended and definitions have been refined to better serve all construction sectors, including building, civil engineering, and even process engineering. However, it continues to serve traditional information technologies and procurement methods.

A survey conducted as part of the work towards this edition showed that the most widely used classifications remain work results (mainly for specifications) and elements (mainly for cost analysis). They are also the most widely varied classification tables not only in their itemization and structure but also in the range of purposes to which they are put. There are other classifications, potentially just as important, which are used to a lesser degree, e.g. for construction products and properties.

0.2 The need for standardization

Building information modelling and modern forms of procurement require all these construction object classes to be used, along with many others. Building information modelling, in particular, is about exchange of information of all types along the project time line and between participants and applications. This is also the case for cooperative forms of procurement. For this exchange to be successful, a complete and consistent approach to construction object classification is required within the project, and between projects. This part of ISO 12006 is intended to facilitate this exchange.

Information types include geometrical data, functional and technical data, and cost data and maintenance data. The project timeline runs from inception to eventual demolition. Participants include clients, designers, authorities, constructors, and users, and operators. Applications include modelling, specification, product information, and cost information systems. Even now, there is still pressure for each of these to retain, or even develop, its own classification silo. This is not sustainable.

While national classifications that implement this part are still likely to differ in their detail (for example, due to differences in construction culture and legislation), mapping between them should be fairly straightforward. This is because they will be using the same overarching classification framework and construction object class definitions. This, in turn, will help with international construction project work (with participants from many countries), and with development of applications intended to be used internationally.

0.3 The content of this part

This part of ISO 12006 defines a framework for construction-sector classification systems and identifies a set of recommended classification tables and their titles for a range of construction object classes according to particular views, supported by definitions.

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Part 2: Framework for classification

1 Scope

This part of ISO 12006 defines a framework for the development of built environment classification systems. It identifies a set of recommended classification table titles for a range of information object classes according to particular views, e.g. by form or function, supported by definitions. It shows how the object classes classified in each table are related, as a series of systems and sub-systems, e.g. in a building information model.

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2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 22274, *Systems to manage terminology, knowledge and content — Concept-related aspects for developing and internationalizing classification systems*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 General

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE 1 The definitions are arranged in the following order: construction resource, construction process, construction result, and construction properties.

NOTE 2 In the definitions, terms that are defined elsewhere within this clause are shown in *italics*.

NOTE 3 Examples are given in Annex A.

3.1.1
object
any part of the perceivable or conceivable world

Note 1 to entry: An object is something abstract or physical toward which thought, feeling, or action is directed.

3.1.2
construction object
object (3.1.1) of interest in the context of a *construction process* (3.3.2)

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