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Foreword

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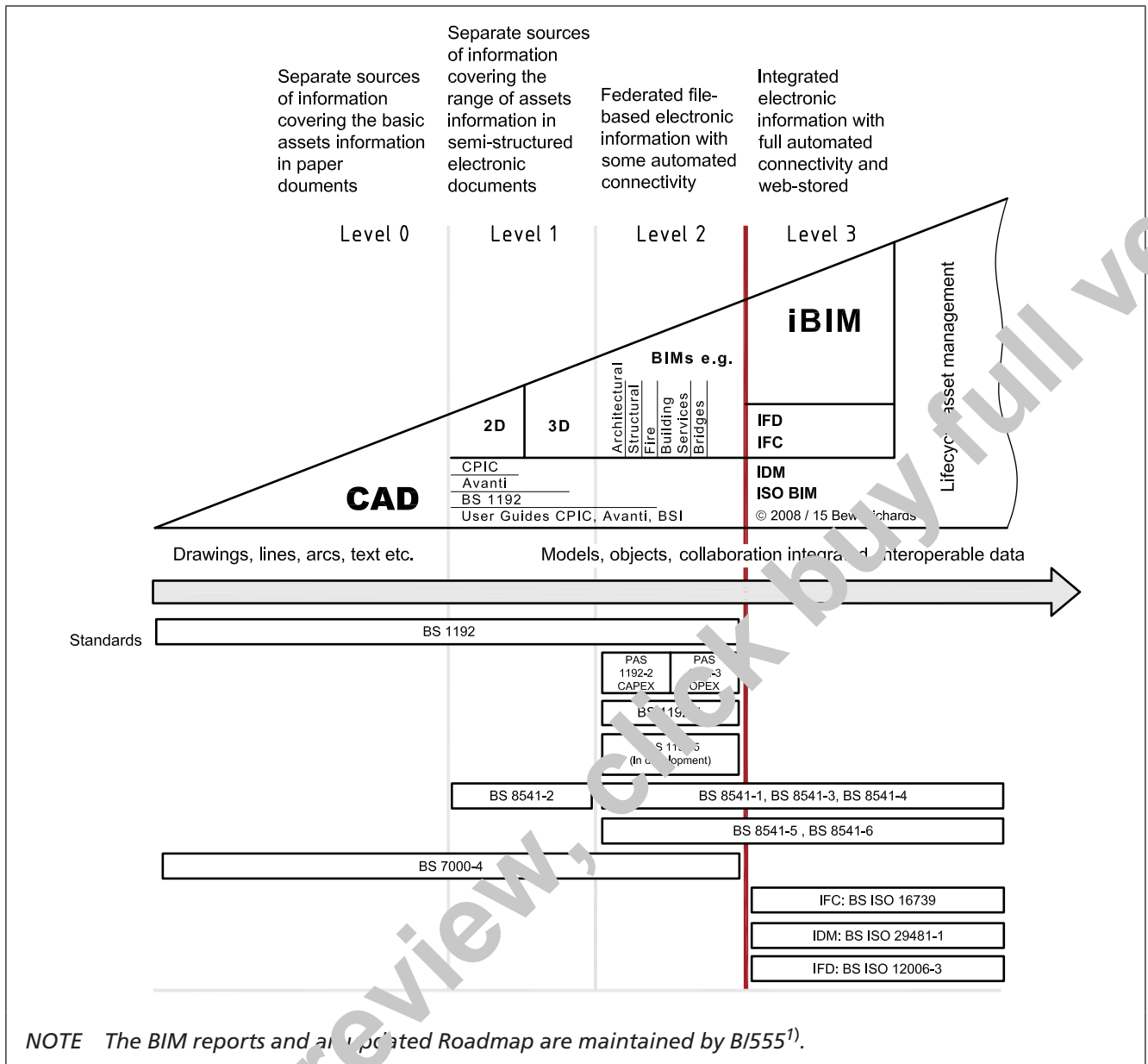
- Part 1, *Identification and classification*
- Part 2, *Recommended 2D symbols of building elements for use in building information modelling*
- Part 3, *Shape and measurement*
- Part 4, *Attributes for specification and assessment*
- Part 5, *Assemblies*
- Part 6 (this part), *Product and facility declarations*

BS 8541-1, BS 8541-3 and BS 8541-4 document best practice for the development and application of construction library objects to support Building Information Modelling (BIM) based design, standardization, specification and construction processes. See BS 8541-1 and Figure 1.

BS 8541-2 documents best practice for the use of 2D symbols for construction objects. BS 8541-5 and BS 8541-6 document best practice for the transmission of assemblies of construction objects and for the transmission of formal performance declarations of products and facilities.

The IFC standard (BS ISO 16739) includes recommendations for the association of base quantities and geometry for objects. The use of the IFC standard can be supplemented by using UK specific recommendations, such as are published by buildingSMART UK on behalf of RIBAE NBS under its UK national BIM Library initiative. For further information on work within ISO, see BS 8541-1.

Figure 1 Core maturity model



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The word “should” is used to express recommendations of this standard. The word “may” is used in the text to express permissibility, e.g. as an alternative to the primary recommendation of the clause. The word “can” is used to express possibility, e.g. a consequence of an action or an event.

Notes and commentaries are provided throughout the text of this standard. Notes give references and additional information that are important but do not form part of the recommendations. Commentaries give background information.

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1 Scope

This part of BS 8541 gives recommendations on the transmission of product declarations relating to construction library objects and facility declarations (including buildings, infrastructure and built assets). It applies primarily to manufacturers' specific products, but the principles and some examples are also applicable to facility declarations.

NOTE 1 Independent declarations are an increasingly important aspect of product and facility data, covering environmental and other performance.

This part of BS 8541 gives recommendations on conveying declarations as part of a standard product data set (supplementary to printed labels, annexes and document lodgement) and integrates product and facility declarations into information-driven design, construction and operational processes.

This part of BS 8541 is applicable to any independent declaration scheme and establishes principles for the identification of declarations and their origin. It defines the level of information appropriate for specific uses including confirmation, reporting, and analysis. The intent is to allow any declaration to be communicated with indications as to the degree of attestation offered. The specific values declared are given in the context of a specific declaration scheme and supported with details of the relevant life cycle stage and details of its scenario.

NOTE 2 Construction products regulations and CL standards for buildings and products provide the primary examples. This part of BS 8541 supports the communication of the voluntary environmental product declarations (EPDs) required by BS EN 15804 and BS EN 15978, as well as the CL marking details, in a format which can be incorporated in Building Information Modelling (BIM) processes. It also covers the communication of other product declarations such as wastage rates developed with the UK Government WRAP programme and UK government display energy certificate (DEC) declaration scheme.

NOTE 3 COBie, BS ISO 16739 IFC and IFCXML are used as example formats with reference to BS ISO 10303-21 and ISO/TS 10303-28. These formats can be mapped to standard printed forms if required.

NOTE 4 In situations where the adoption of data-driven design is partial or incomplete, this part of BS 8541 gives further recommendations. If a particular project is formally committed to integrated working then this standard may be adopted as a requirement.

NOTE 5 Self-declared environmental claims (such as described as Type II environmental labels in BS EN ISO 14021) have the lowest degree of attestation but are also covered by this standard.

2 Normative references

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

BS 8541-1, *Library objects for architecture, engineering and construction – Part 1: Identification and classification – Code of practice*

BS 8541-2, *Library objects for architecture, engineering and construction – Part 2: Recommended 2D symbols of building elements for use in building information modelling*

BS 8541-3, *Library objects for architecture, engineering and construction – Part 3: Shape and measurement – Code of practice*