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Introduction

It is generally accepted and has been demonstrated over time that good general supervision and control of a process is beneficial to achieving quality and reducing waste and cost (e.g. by reducing re-work). In order to do this it is important to have good reference standards. This is the main rationale behind the BS 8000 series of standards (see [Annex A](#) for a full list of these standards).

A1) The BS 8000 series aims to be self-contained as far as possible for use at or near the workplace. However to aid clarity, individual parts of BS 8000 might refer to other standards outside the series or to other authoritative documents such as project specifications. **A1)**

This part of BS 8000 sets the scene for the next generation of these standards, including a change of title from “building sites” to the more general “construction sites”. While this will initially create a minor titling anomaly between this and the other parts, it is expected that future revisions of the various parts of BS 8000 will adopt this change in titling.

1 Scope

This British Standard establishes the general principles behind the BS 8000 series of standards that cover workmanship in the execution of certain works on construction sites. It includes general principles of issues such as tolerance, accuracy, fit, preparation of materials, interdependencies between trades, and draws attention to certain health and safety issues.

It gives links with the Uniclass system (see [Annex A](#)) to provide a common referencing structure with other documentation.

NOTE 1 Individual parts of BS 8000 might refer to the Competent Person Schemes in respect of regulatory requirements **A1)** Text deleted **A1)**.

NOTE 2 A list of titles in the BS 8000 series is included in [Annex A](#).

2 Health and safety

COMMENTARY ON CLAUSE 2

Attention is drawn to existing health and safety legislation, including *The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations* **A1)** 2015 **A1)** (CDM) [1] **A1)** and *The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (NI)* [2] **A1)**.

All health and safety procedures, protocols and guidance related to construction operations that a construction site has in place should be complied with at all times.

NOTE [Annex B](#) lists health and safety issues highlighted in general guidance from the HSE. This is intended as a convenient prompt to users of this standard (and its other parts), not as a comprehensive list of health and safety issues. For more detailed information on health and safety issues, see www.hse.gov.uk.

3 Accuracy

3.1 General

COMMENTARY ON 3.1

Each of the individual parts of BS 8000 deal with the trade, material and other particular issues to do with accuracy and fit in the completion of that work.