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Foreword

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

- *Part 2: Framework for classification of information*
- *Part 3: Framework for object-oriented information exchange*

Annex A of this part of ISO 12006 is for information only.

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0 Introduction

0.1 The status quo

At present there is little international standardization of classifications for construction. The construction industries of individual countries, even adjacent countries, have tended to remain separate because of differences of culture and legislation, and each has developed its own methods of arranging information. National classifications can be difficult to change and there may seem insufficient reason to do so.

The most widely used classifications are work sections (mainly for specifications) and elements (mainly for cost analysis). They are also the most widely varied, not only in their itemization and structure but also in the range of other purposes to which they are put. There are other classifications, potentially just as important, which have not yet been used to the same degree, e.g. construction products and properties/characteristics.

0.2 The need for standardization

Modern information systems for the construction industry, whether local or networked, need to handle data of many different types, e.g. geometrical data, technical properties, cost data, maintenance data, for use within different applications such as CAD, specification, product information and cost information systems. All these data and the relations between them need to be defined and structured in such a way that the stored information is consistent and reliable within and between the different applications.

0.3 Other work of relevance

The following groups specifically address the issue of computerized exchange of data.

- ISO/TC 184, *Industrial automation systems and integration*, SC 4, *Industrial data* (STEP – Standard for the Exchange of Product model data). STEP is a standard for computer-interpretable representation and exchange of product data. Exchange of information has been initiated between those working in TC 184/SC 4 on the Building Construction Core Model (BCCM) and TC 59/SC 13 for co-ordination of basic construction information concepts.
- UN/EDIFACT with its regional organizations, e.g. EBES (European Board for EDI Standards) and PAEB (Pan American EDIFACT Board). Groups concerned specifically with the construction industry are, at a global level, JM7 AEC and, at a European level, EBES EEG05 (EBES Expert Group 05 AEC), the latter working within the European user group EDIBUILD.
- ISO/TC 59/SC 13 has started work on a framework for object-oriented information exchange in the construction industry.
- ISO/TC 10/SC 8 has produced ISO 13567-1, ISO 13567-2 and TR 13567 on the organization and naming of layers for CAD.
- IAI (International Alliance for Interoperability) is an international body which is developing Industry Foundation Classes, an industry standard for holding and exchanging digital data.