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Part 4: Taxonomy, Classification and Structures in Facility Management

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National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 15221-4:2011.

BSI, as the UK member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 15221-4:2011 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard, the UK committee voted against its approval as a European Standard. Throughout its development, the UK committee FMW/1 attempted to ensure that it met its original intent to support the forthcoming benchmarking standard, EN 15221-7, but much of the content of EN 15221-4:2011 does not apply to benchmarking. As a result, there is the potential for conflict between EN 15221-4:2011 and EN 15221-7. Therefore, the committee would recommend users take caution when using both standards together.

As well as this, whilst EN 15221-4:2011 does establish a high level classification and hierarchical coding structure in the classified products list for standardized facility products, the list does not include a structured logic for the allocation of services within the hierarchy. The UK committee would like to point out that this limits its use as a practical guide to facilities managers within the UK. However, the user can create their own definition for those parts of the product classification that have not been standardized and use the informative information contained in Annex E regarding the allocation of costs within the proposed coding structure, in order to overcome this.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee FMW/1, Facilities management.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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