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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Construction Industry IT Standard under the direction of the Information Technology Standards Committee.

This Singapore Standard was prepared with reference to the following publications:

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1 Introduction

The construction industry is unique in that it involves parties from a myriad of professions. Different types of cost information are exchanged between the various parties for the purpose of communicating design, construction and contractual matters. Individual firms have developed their own means of classifying and disseminating cost information to facilitate this process. However, as there is no standardised system of classifying and sharing of such information, much of the data is lost along the way. The purpose of this national initiative is to develop a cost information classification standard for the construction industry to ensure that such information is structured and stored in a way that is consistent and reliable within and between the different disciplines so as to reduce any duplication of work.

2 Scope

This standard comprises the following parts:

- i. an elemental classification;
- ii. a work sections classification;
- iii. a mapping dictionary for elements and work sections; and
- iv. guidance notes for the elemental classification.

The users of this standard may include property developers, architects, mechanical and electrical engineers, civil and structural engineers, quantity surveyors and contractors.