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Foreword

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Introduction

The International Standards on facility management (FM) developed by ISO/TC 267 describe the characteristics of facility management and are intended for use in both the private and public sectors.

NOTE The terms “facility management” and “facilities management” can be used interchangeably.

International cooperation in the preparation of these International Standards has identified common practices that can be applied across a wide variety of market sectors, organizational types, process activities and geographies, and their implementation will help to:

- improve quality, productivity and financial performance;
- enhance sustainability and reduce negative environmental impact;
- develop functional and motivating work environments;
- maintain regulatory compliance and provide safe workplaces;
- optimize life cycle performance and costs;
- improve resilience and relevance;
- project an organization’s identity and image more successfully.

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1 Scope

This document defines terms used in facility management standards.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Terms related to facility management

3.1.1

facility management
facilities management
FM

organizational function which integrates people, place and *process* (3.5.1) within the *built environment* (3.2.3) with the purpose of improving the *quality* (3.7.1) of life of people and the productivity of the *core business* (3.1.7)

3.1.2

internal service provision
in-house service provision

delivery and management of a *service* (3.5.3) by staff employed by the *demand organization* (3.3.1.1)

3.1.3

support service

non-primary *activity* (3.5.2) delivered in support of *core business* (3.1.7)

3.1.3.1

facility service

support provision to the *primary activities* (3.7.4) of an *organization* (3.3.1), delivered by an internal or external provider

3.1.3.2

facility process

process (3.5.1) which is integrated and managed by a *facility management* (3.1.1) *organization* (3.3.1)

3.1.4

need

expectation, specific or abstract, from the *demand organization* (3.3.1.1) which is essential to enable the achievement of the core purpose and key *objectives* (3.7.8)