Streamlining C&S Format & Workflow

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Programme Highlight

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•	Introduction to new RABW & Lodgment
•	Part submission
•	Project creation – appointment & acknowledgement
Pa	rt 2: New Submission Portal
•	Project planning and submission naming convention
•	Create submission, amendment & resubmission
•	C&S plan application & independent submissions
•	Permit to commence work
	Completion of structural works
Re	freshment
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•	Update of ST declaration and BE forms
•	Introduce checksum
•	C&S IFC-SG model preparation
•	Model review & IFC tool available in market
•	CORENET X resources



Update to Forms (effective since Sep 2024)

Streamlining of forms for Earth Retaining and Stabilising Structures (ERSS), Piling Works, Tunnelling Works and Landed House Projects

	Forms		Updates
BEV/ERSS	Design Considerations for Earth Retaining or Stabilising Structures (ERSS)	•	Removed Annexes A2, B and D Simplified work process in Annex C
BEV/GBW	Design Considerations for Earth Retaining or Stabilising Structures (ERSS) for Geotechnical Building Works [not in use]	•	Merged into BEV/ERSS
BEV/PC	Supervision of pile load & test piling works and Monitoring of building settlement	•	Removed Annexes A and C
BEV/TUN	Site Inspection and Approval Records and Ground Movement Assessment Record for Tunnelling Works	•	Merged both non-GBW and GBW Annexes. Simplified work process. Updated TUN_GBW_Annex C-2
BEV/LP	Communication Plan for Landed Development Projects:Landed House Annex 1• Notification of Building Works to Neighbours• Request for Consent for AccessLanded House_Annex 2• Notification to CBC on Communication Plan• Notification to CBC on Status of Pre-construction Survey• Notification to CBC on Consent for Access• Notification to CBC on Consent for Access	•	Revised annex nomenclature Scan Her
<u>BEV/TC</u>	The Professional Engineer's Certificate of Inspection and Completion of Temporary Buildings in construction site [not in use]		
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Updated Standard Plan Certifications

Following the implementation of CORENET X for regulatory plan submissions, BCA has updated the standard plan certifications which can be found in the links below.

Standard Certifications	BCA website
Structural Plan	https://www1.bca.gov.sg/regulatory-info/building-control/structural-plans-and-permit-approvals Scan Here
Record Plan	https://www1.bca.gov.sg/regulatory-info/building-control/structural-plans-and-permit- approvals/record-plans-approval/submission-of-amendment-and-record-piling-plans Scan Here

The revised standard plan certifications come into effect on **<u>1 November 2024</u>**.

Submissions	Effective date	
New projects submitted in CORENET X / CORENET2	1 Nov 2024 onwards	
Existing projects in CORENET X / CORENET 2 should adopt the upd	ated certifications by 1 April 2025	
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Checksum for Approved Drawings (replacing watermarks)





Current Approved Plans with Watermarks

Current Approach to Identify Approved Plans

- Builders are required to build according to Approved Plans
- Site personnels verify that building works on site are constructed following Approved Plans

Current approaches adopted by some Agencies to demarcate Approved Plans (For Example)

- a) BCA Watermark on 2D CAD plans (does not work on BIM)
- b) URA Sign ("encrypt") Approved Plans using Netrust

Pain point(s)

Projects members want to be able to identify/verify that a particular plan is indeed the Approved Plan.

Netrust software NDS is required to decrypt file to see the approved plan and once decrypted, there is no way to verify if the plan is the one approved by the Authority.



Introduction to Checksum

Current Practice

Need for greater ease of verifying/ identifying approved plans



- Different methods adopted by different agencies to demarcate approved plans
- Difficult to verify whether the plans are indeed the latest approved plans



Identification of Approved Plans via Checksum on Response Letters

Enhancement in CORENET X

- What is Checksum solution?
 - Digital fingerprint solution
 More secure than traditional watermark
 - Easy detection of changes
 Small changes produce very different looking checksums
 - Files remain intact and can be viewed freely Checksum solution does not affect or encrypt the files

Example of checksum (digital ID) of a file –

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Benefits of Checksum

Enhancement in CORENET X

List of Approved Drawings in agency approval letter with checksums of approved plans

Benefits

• Standardised approach

- For all agencies' approved plans
- For BIM and 2D files

🕑 Ease of access and authentication

- Digitally signed for authentication
- Can be viewed without decryption
- ••• Quick verification of Approved Plan whenever in doubt
 - Can be done without internet
 - Can be done using Netrust

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Verification with Netrust Digital Signer (NDS)[coming soon]



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How do Project Members verify the Approved Plans using Checksum? How do I verify that the BIM/2D file is the Approved Plans? (without Netrust)



Verification can also be done using tools online or phone QR code reader

- (a) Scan the QR code in the approval letter using any QR code reader to obtain the SHA256 checksum of the approved plan.
- (b) Obtain the SHA256 checksum of the file you wish to verify. There are many ways to obtain the SHA256 checksum of the file (e.g. online tool at <u>https://emn178.github.io/online-tools/sha256_checksum.html</u>).
- (c) Compare the checksums from (a) and (b). The checksums will be the same if the file is the Approved Plan.





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C&S IFC-SG Model Preparation & Review Tools in Market





BIM submission requirements

Based on the Circular issued on 26 September 2023 on CORENET X implementation plan, the requirements
for BIM submissions will continue to apply to new erections or major addition and alteration (A&A)
projects with new Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 5,000m² or more. The BIM submissions for new projects that
are submitted via CORENET X will be required to be submitted in the IFC-SG format and prepared in
accordance with the CORENET X COP.

Model Size

- Each model should not exceed 800MB, and be submitted by parts (i.e. 1 block per file).
 - If a part model exceeds 800MB, the part model should be split into smaller files. Files compiled in zip folders are not accepted.





Expectation of Structural IFC-SG models

- A complete set of IFC-SG structural model shall consist of elements as described in Section 4 of Code of Practice. For example, a structural IFC-SG model should comprise of the following:
 - Piles
 - Footings/ pilecaps
 - Beams
 - Columns

- Walls
- Slabs
- Staircases
- ✤ Boreholes

SECTION 4

BIM Data Representation (IFC-SG) and Modelling Good Practice

- Details can be represented in 2D to supplement the IFC-SG model, such as :
 - Irregular pilecaps, raft foundation, slab elements, household shelter/ storey shelter elements, transfer plates, precast elements, prestress elements, PPVC modules, steel connections.

All the IFC-SG parameters shall follow the standard naming and units as stipulated in Code of Practice which was published on BCA CORENET X Website.

Link- Code of Practice | Building and Construction Authority (BCA)





Code of Practice

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Setting up the model

Upgrading the current inhouse BIM Template into CORENET X Template

- ✓ Study the existing object properties
- ✓ Know the properties that needs to be edited in-line with the IFC Configurator

Pull out the common properties and assign as the object type properties

- ✓ To avoid re-entering of properties.
- To avoid duplication of property when exported into IFC

Map the existing object library properties into configuration file

- ✓ One-time process
- ✓ Can be used into the future projects
- ✓ Eliminate duplicated work and errors
- ✓ Standard IFC exports for all your projects

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Geo-Referencing

Models should be correctly geo-referenced and assigned real-world coordinates from the Singapore SVY21
coordinate system (EPSG: 3414) for Easting and Northing (x,y), including dimensions between grids. The layout of
each model shall be presented in True North or real-world orientation, and the elevation levels or Height (z) of the
model shall be set up based on the Singapore Height Datum (SHD).



Alignment of Levels and Zones Across All Disciplines' Models

 Models from all disciplines MUST adopt <u>a coordinated set of levels and zones</u> and name the levels and zones identically.





IFC-SG validator

 The IFC-SG Validator extracts all elements from the model and check whether IFC-SG parameters have been added to the corresponding BIM components in the model. This helps to check whether the QP have missed out any IFC-SG parameters when mapping IFC-SG data into the proprietary BIM model earlier.

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Diroots

• DiRoots is a free plug-in to export BIM data (Model and Annotation Categories, Elements and Schedules) from Revit to Excel or Google Spreadsheets, and import it back to update the model.









IFC model viewer

- o IFC viewer has capabilities and tools to help the users read and understand the IFC Model
- Industry can try different brands of IFC viewer for checking of information embedded in the IFC-SG model.

Importance of reviewing IFC models before submission

It is strongly encouraged to review your project team's models in an IFC viewer to ensure the models did not experience
errors during the export process from their respective BIM software.

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1	BIMCollab Zoom	0	0	x	x	0	Suitable for federation of IFC files, handle large files well
2	BIMVision	0	Up to 2 files	0	0	0	Suitable for quick visualization of IFC files
3	Kit Model Viewer (replacing FZK Viewer)	0	Х*	0	0	0	Suitable for analysing smaller files (< 200 MB)
4	ODA (Open Design Alliance) Open IFC Viewer	0	0	X	0	x	-
5	Solibri Anywhere	0	Х*	0	0	ο	-

* To view multiple IFC files in FOC viewers that are unable to federate IFC models, the "IFC-SG Integrator" could be used, available at the <u>IFC-SG Resource Kit</u>. This application is based on C# and is able to bind multiple IFC files



Benefits of 3D BIM processing:

- 360 visualisation of the entire building
- One consolidated model file floors and elements
- Quick search and filter only the elements required for review
- Easy to visualise clashed elements
- Able to measure and check the elements directly on the model



Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Check and view the IFC Model



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✓ Section cut and slicing of model





Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Actual dimensioning and measurement in IFC Model









Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Check properties of element



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Common features of IFC viewer





Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Predefined views (3D framing)



Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Predefined views (2D view)





Common features of IFC viewer

✓ Mark-up and save screenshot







Model quality checklist

• A good quality model will reduce the likelihood of being issued with a Written Direction (WD) for your project, shortening time towards a faster approval



Check areas and spaces in your IFC models

- Check that storey-specific gross area does not deviate significantly from sum totals of the storey
- Do a tabulation of gross area by storey on the native BIM software
- □ Check against the sum totals of gross area before the export to IFC
- Ensure that attributes about cadastral lots, such as area, lot numbers as provided in the Project Information on the CORENET X Submission Portal are present
- Critical information like cadastral lot, lot numbers etc should be exported successfully into the IFC format
- □ There is no gap between boundaries of cadastral lots
- □ Check that spaces are directly adjacent to other space components, surrounding walls or floors below
- Check that each of the common boundary of any strata lots with another lot or with the common property are in the centre of the floor, wall or ceiling

Extract from CORENET X Code of Practice (2nd Edition)



Model quality checklist

• A good quality model will reduce the likelihood of being issued with a Written Direction (WD) for your project, shortening time towards a faster approval



Ensure the whole project team adopts model preparation and multi-disciplinary coordination good practices

- The project team should plan for sufficient time to align model coordination, planning and management workflows throughout the project
- Follow model preparation and multi-disciplinary good practice as elaborated in this section of the Code of Practice, as well as on the CORENET X IFC-SG Resource Toolkit (<u>https://go.gov.sg/ifcsg</u>) and respective BIM vendor websites
- Do not leave the export and review of your IFC models to the last minute models that are perfectly georeferenced and mapped in the native BIM software may encounter unexpected problems after exported into IFC



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Viewing BCF File

Today's Written Direction and comments from agencies are provided in a list to the QPs.

Leveraging of technology, the comments will be provided in the BIM Collaboration Format (BCF)





Viewing BCF File



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View responses

Manage responses from regulatory agencies



Viewing BCF File in IFC Viewer



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Viewing BCF File in Native BIM



CORENET X Resources





Training Courses

		Mode of Lessons	<u>Trainers</u>	
1			BCA Academy	
	CORENET X Regulatory Approval for Building	Physical	The Architect's Academy by Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)	bay
	Works (RABW) Course		BIMAGE	
	Understanding the new RABW	AcePLP(AIA)	AcePLP(AIA)	
	Processes	Self-paced Online Learning	Bluskai	

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professionals from

BCA

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Industry firms

have attended the courses

You may scan the QR code below to register for CORENET X training:

	Software	<u>Trainers</u>
1 Day IEC SC Training	Revit	AcePLP Pte Ltd, BIMAGE, SP Pace Academy, Innocom
Preparing OpenBIM submissions using IFC-SG	Tekla	AcePLP Pte Ltd, BIMAGE, Trimble
	Archicad	Graphisoft
	Bentley	Bentley, AcePLP(AIA)



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CORENET X Code of Practice (COP) & Self-Help Resources

Self-Help Resources

Get ready for submission via CORENET X with these self-help resources!

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Discover the new regulatory approval process for building works, Direct Submission Process, independent submissions and more.

CORENET X Code of Practice

Master multi-agency regulatory submissions across key submission gateways in CORENET X with the CORENET X Code of Practice.





Uncover the recommended steps and materials required to prepare an IFC-SG model for submission via CORENET X.

IFC-SG Resource Too	əlkit		
Welcome to the IFC-SG Resource	ce Toolkit.		
This resource toolkit comprises CORENET X.	the recommended steps and materials to prepare an IFC-SG model for submission via		
Step 1			
+ Introduction to IFC-SG, key	data structures and mapping		
Step 2			
+ Latest Industry Mapping Excel Files			
+ Further info on the Industry	v Mapping Excel		
Step 3			
Step-by-step resources on how to software and how to export to R	to apply the requirements in the Industry Mapping Excel into your respective BIM IFC.		
Notes:			
1. These resources in Step 3 ar	are optional templates created to help users embed and export IFC-SG regulatory data		
requirements as indicated in	in Step 2. Firms may use your own in-house templates instead, as long as your CORENET		
X submission models contai	in the relevant data in Step 2.		
2. To download .bxt and .xml files on this webpage, please right click on the URL and "Save link as"			
+ a)Archicad			
+ b) OpenBuildings Designer			
+ c) Revit			
+ d) Tekia			
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+ List of Recommended IFC V	iewers		
Step 5			
+ IFC-SG Validator (BIMLife)			
+ IFC-SG Validator (Solibri)			
+ JEC-SG Validator (AcePLP)			

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3rd Party Apps to Expedite the IFC-SG Workflow

What is the Code of Practice?

- First edition was released in September 2023
- Intended to help industry practitioners in understanding how to prepare multi-agency regulatory submissions across the key submission gateways in CORENET X
- Includes recommended procedures and good practices to address common BIM issues
- This Code of Practice <u>does not</u> substitute Handbooks, Circulars or other regulatory publications of our regulatory agencies.
- Complements other resources on the CORENET X website, including the IFC-SG Resource Toolkit

[NEW] The 2nd edition has just been published!





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CORENET X Website



Supporting SMEs in BIM Adoption



Funding Support for Local SMEs

- A new package under the Productivity
 Solutions Grant (PSG) for local SMEs in the Built Environment, which consists of:
 - i. BIM authoring solution supporting IFC-SG
 - ii. CORENET X industry training
- Co-fund up to 50% of the qualifying costs of pre-approved digital solutions
- Application details can be found at: <u>https://www1.bca.gov.sg/buildsg/buildsg-</u> <u>transformation-fund/productivity-</u> <u>solutions-grant</u>



Registry of Shared Services

- ✓ STAS has set up a registry of consultancy firms providing BIM shared services that industry can tap on to help scale up BIM/IDD capability
- ✓ SMEs may access the BIM shared services registry at <u>https://stas.org.sg/idd/shared-</u> <u>services-programme/</u>

