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Foreword

Publishing information

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This standard is a “daughter” standard of BS 8900, *Guidance for managing sustainable development*. As such, this standard has been written in such a way as to reflect the spirit of BS 8900, and the principles described in the standard are designed to be compatible with BS 8900.

However, whereas BS 8900 has the broadest application to organizations (and individuals) and is independent of the nature of their activities, this standard focuses more specifically on bodies that certify construction products.

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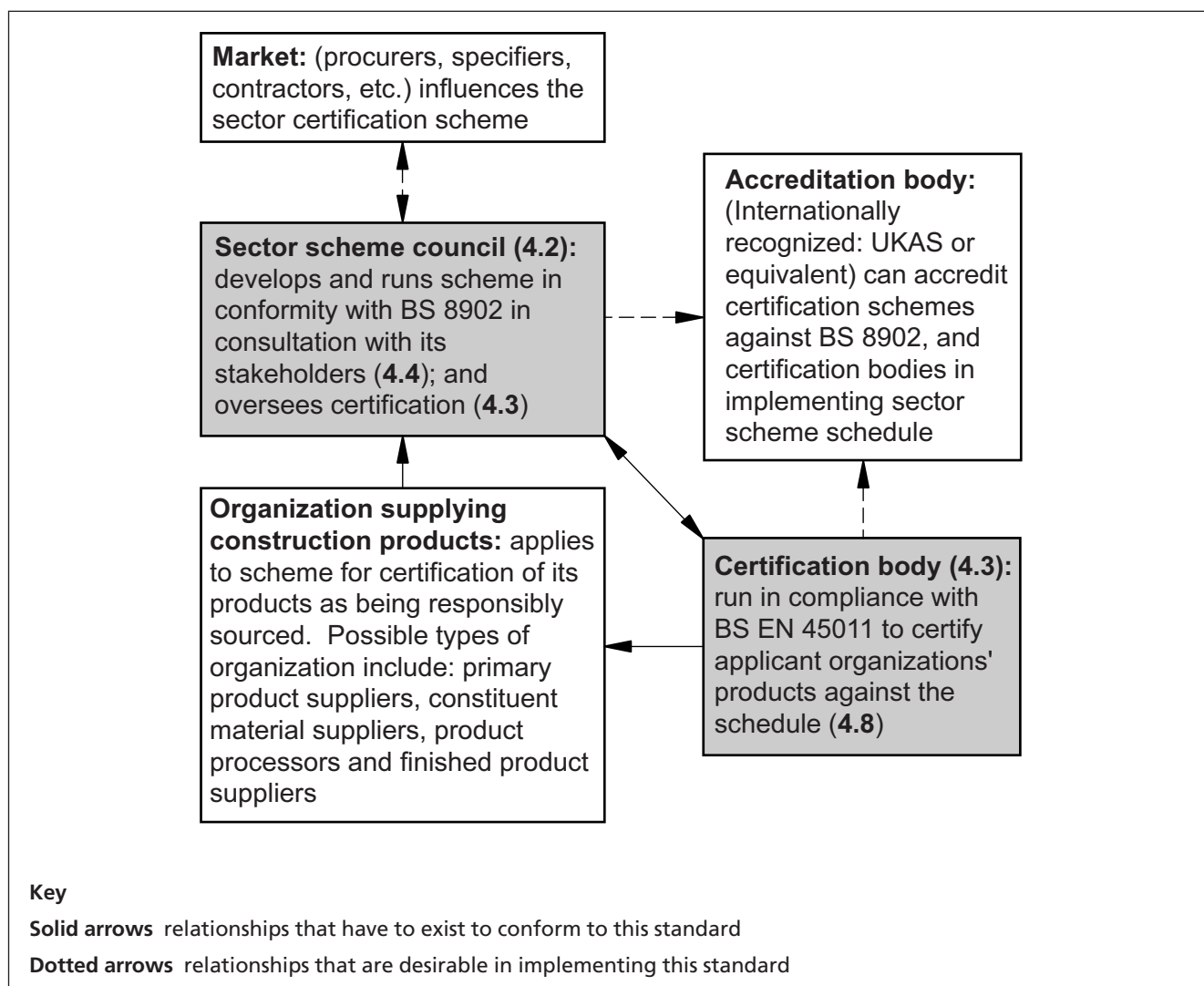
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Introduction

This standard provides a framework for the development of sector certification schemes for responsible sourcing of construction products. It does so in alignment with the guidance given in BS 8900, *Guidance for managing sustainable development*.

The relationship between the standard, any sector certification schemes developed in conformity with it and the organizations likely to be involved is shown in Figure 1. Note that, although accreditation of certification schemes is desirable, accreditation is not and cannot be a requirement of this standard.

Figure 1 Overview of the relationships between BS 8902, sector certification schemes and organizational bodies



1 Scope

This standard gives requirements for the management, development, content and operation of sector certification schemes for responsible sourcing and supply of construction products.

NOTE 1 Sector certification schemes can cover single (primary) materials, composite (processed) materials, and/or manufactured items.

NOTE 2 It is the scheme that conforms to this standard and not a company or product.

2 Normative references

The following referenced document is indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS EN 45011, *General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in BS EN 45011 and the following apply.

3.1 certification body

body that certifies products against the requirements of a scheme schedule (3.8)

3.2 construction product

product intended for incorporation in the structure of a building or in civil engineering works

3.3 issue

potential area of influence/impact by the sector on sustainability

3.4 objective

intended long-term influence of the scheme on an issue

3.5 product

material or manufactured item produced (extracted, grown, processed, reprocessed, recycled or made) for sale

3.6 requirement

measurable level of achievement and/or action demanded of an organization seeking certification for its product(s)

NOTE Requirements may also include aspirational/non-obligatory goals.

3.7 responsible sourcing

management of sustainable development in the provision or procurement of a product

3.8 scheme schedule

documented set of requirements defined by a sector scheme council, setting out the obligations of an organization in managing the supply of a defined group of construction products, and the associated procedures for certification (4.3) to determine compliance grant, maintain, withdraw and, if applicable, suspend certification