



Guidelines for the presentation of International Standards dealing with the design of structures

Directives pour la présentation des Normes internationales traitant des bases du calcul des constructions

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The reasons which led to the decision to publish this document in the form of a technical report type 1 are explained in the Introduction.

0 Introduction

The need for guidelines for the presentation of International Standards dealing with the design of structures was recognized some time ago when it became apparent that different approaches to the drafting of such documents were being adopted by the ISO technical committees and international organizations concerned. These different approaches resulted in a lack of uniformity in the technical content, and in the layout and sequence of the subject matter, of such documents.

It was recognized that this lack of uniformity would constitute an impediment to the use of these documents, but that the task of the user would be greatly facilitated if International Standards, national standards and the publications of other international organizations were presented in a consistent and uniform manner for all structural materials.

This Technical Report has, therefore, been prepared to respond to this need. While it is intended primarily for the harmonization of the presentation of International Standards dealing with the design of structures, it is hoped that, in practice, it will also serve as a basis for the drafting of national standards and of publications of other international organizations.

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1 Scope and field of application

This Technical Report gives guidelines for the presentation of International Standards dealing with the design of structures.

The guidelines are based on ISO 2394, *General principles on reliability for structures*.¹⁾

2 Proposed presentation

Clause No.	Heading	Examples of contents
0	Introduction	General concepts, aims. Relations to international and national standards, and to regulations, guidelines and requirements. Users of the International Standard (or of other documents).
1	Scope	Structural use of the materials in buildings and structures. Definitions of the materials.
2	Field of application	Kinds of structures relating to this Technical Report: — linear, plane and three-dimensional structures, — structures with or without second order effects, — buildings, bridges, etc. Applicability to structures and to their elements. Design in various stages of construction and use, of repair, of reconstructions and of pulling down.
3	References	A list of all documents cited in the International Standard — giving number and titles.
4	Definitions, notations and units	List of terms, symbols and units.
5	Materials	Classification related to material properties, such as rheological properties, durability, etc. Classes related to the strength. Other mechanical properties. Definitions of characteristic values — choice of fracture values.
6	Basis for design	Definitions of the design method recommended by ISO 2394. Requirements for resistance related to earthquake and other hazards. Applicability of model tests and full-scale tests.
7	Principles of the design method	Application of different models for stress-strain relations. Ultimate limit states and serviceability limit states. Design variables: — actions (loads, environmental influences, imposed deformations), — material properties, — geometrical parameters.

¹⁾ At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO 2394-1973.)