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Foreword

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0 Introduction

When there is a need for guidance on a subject that is not covered by the Eurocode, a country can choose to publish documents that contain non-contradictory complementary information that supports the Eurocode. This Published Document, which has been prepared by BSI Subcommittee B/525/5, *Structural use of timber*, provides just such information and has been cited as a reference in the UK National Annex to BS EN 1995-1-1.

1 Scope

This Published Document gives non-contradictory complementary information for use with BS EN 1995-1-1 and NA to BS EN 1995-1-1.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are 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 8103-1](#), *Structural design of low-rise buildings — Part 1: Code of practice for stability, site investigation, foundations, precast concrete floors and ground floor slabs for housing*

[BS 8212](#), *Code of practice for dry lining and partitioning using gypsum plasterboard*

BS EN 301, *Adhesives, phenolic and aminoplastic, for loading bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

BS EN 338:2009, *Structural timber — Strength classes*

BS EN 520, *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

BS EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008, *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures — Part 1-1: General — Common rules and rules for buildings*

BS EN 13986, *Wood-based panels for use in construction — Characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking*

BS EN 14592, *Timber structures — Dowel-type fasteners — Requirements*

BS EN 15425, *Adhesives — One component polyurethane for load bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms and definitions [BS EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008, 1.5]

For the purposes of this Published Document, the terms and definitions given in BS EN 1995-1-1:2004+A1:2008 and the following apply.

3.1.1 attic truss

trussed rafter that is designed to allow a habitable room within the roof space

3.1.2 chord member

member of the external profile of the truss

NOTE For example, a rafter or a ceiling tie.