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Maintenance — Maintenance within physical asset management

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National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 16646:2014.

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 16646:2014 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard, the UK committee voted against its approval as a European Standard.

The standard provides guidance for establishing effective maintenance management as part of an asset management strategy. However, it is the opinion of the UK committee that it does not give sufficient detail to enable the successful development and implementation of a system of maintenance management within an organization.

Specifically, the phrase “maintenance function” is considered problematic. It is not clear if the phrase refers to maintainers (carrying out physical maintenance), maintenance planners, analysts (analysing data from maintenance activities), designers who determine the maintenance schedule, the IT systems which support the maintenance process, or some subset of these functions. Those seeking to apply this standard should therefore give careful consideration to the exact meaning of this phrase in the context given.

The UK committee also has concerns that the standard does not fully address the systems that are required to support maintenance activities, such as maintenance management systems, feedback systems and data analysis systems to allow experience to improve the maintenance of the asset in order to deliver increased benefit.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee DS/1, Dependability.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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