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[This foreword, the table of contents, the introduction, and the “rationales” on the following pages are not part of this standard. They are merely informative and do not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the standard.]

FOREWORD

The purpose of this addendum is to present a proposed change for public review. These modifications are the result of change proposals made pursuant to the ASHRAE continuous maintenance procedures and of deliberations within Standing Standard Project Committee 135. The proposed changes are summarized below.

135-2020cn-1 Clarify Engineering Units, p. 3

In the following document, language to be added to existing clauses of ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2020 is indicated through the use of italics, while deletions are indicated by strikethrough. Where entirely new subclauses are proposed to be added, plain type is used throughout. Only this new and deleted text is open to comment at this time. All other material in this document is provided for context only and is not open for public review comment except as it relates to the proposed changes.

The use of placeholders like XX, YY, ZZ, X1, X2, NN, x, n, ? etc., should not be interpreted as literal values of the final published version. These placeholders will be assigned actual numbers/letters only after final publication approval of the addendum.
135-2020cn-1 Clarify Engineering Units

Rationale

The BACnetEngineeringUnits enumeration lacks some metric units. It is also unclear in some cases what actual unit was intended. In other cases, the meaning of particular units is a local matter.

Engineering units are clarified and complemented for equivalent sets of scales for units of both the Inch-Pound (I-P) and Système International (SI) units' systems.

Additional units are added for gas metering.

Note to reviewer, some engineering units have been reorganized to make grouping consistent. The textual name for "joule-per-hour" was deemed erratum and has been updated to "joules-per-hour" in this document.

[Insert new Clause 12.1.X, before current 12.1.8 Reliability, p. 163]

12.1.X Engineering Units Ambiguities

The BACnetEngineeringUnits enumeration, defined in Clause 21, includes some units that are potentially ambiguous. These fall into three categories:

- Units originally defined in BACnet with an implied but ambiguous meaning as to which real unit was intended.
- Units that were originally defined in BACnet with the intention that their meaning would be site-specific, but that site-specificity was never called out in the standard.
- Units that are, by their nature, commonly used but based on different implied standards that are not uniform in different locales or applications.

12.1.X.1 Ambiguous Unit: Ton

Units that were defined and included the word “tons” in their name, could have been used for American Short Tons, or Imperial Long Tons, or Metric Tonnes. There are now separate units defined for those different definitions. The ambiguous uses of the word “tons” are being left in to avoid impacting sites that have implemented those units and agreed on the contextual meaning.

12.1.X.2 Intentionally Site-Specific Units

The enumerations currency1 to currency10, volume1 to volume10, volumetric-flow1 to volumetric-flow10, and site-unit1 to site-unit10 are explicitly intended to have a site-specific meaning. Use of these ranges in a device must be configurable and cannot have fixed values.

Any BACnet property value whose engineering unit is a currency, and makes use of currency1 through currency10, shall have a site-specific meaning as to which actual currency is equivalent to those 10 units for that site. The assignment and administration of those equivalencies shall be a local matter.

Units of volume and volumetric flow, such as cubic-feet or cubic-feet per second, can have different meanings depending on the locale or their application. The volume of a room, for example, is normally a constant. There are some applications, such as gas volume, where simply saying “cubic-feet” is ambiguous because the volume depends on knowing the temperature and pressure. There may also be other cases of ambiguity for units beyond the specific instances of currency, volume, and volumetric flow that have not yet been identified. Before Protocol Revision X, in those applications that used any of these units, the meaning was ambiguous. When such units are used, the meaning of the value and its unit are a local matter.

Any BACnet property value whose engineering unit may be ambiguous due to application or locale, and makes use of volume1 to volume10, volumetric-flow1 to volumetric-flow10, or site-unit1 to site-unit10 shall have a site-specific meaning as to which actual unit definition is equivalent to those intentionally site-specific units for that site. The assignment and administration of those equivalencies shall be a local matter.

[Change Clause 21, BACnetEngineeringUnits Production, p. 892]
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BACnetEngineeringUnits ::= ENUMERATED { -- See below for numerical order
  -- Acceleration
  meters-per-second-per-second (166),
  -- Area
  square-meters (0),
  square-centimeters (116),
  square-feet (1),
  square-inches (115),
  -- Currency, determined by the installation.
  currency1 (105),
  currency2 (106),
  currency3 (107),
  currency4 (108),
  currency5 (109),
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  currency8 (112),
  currency9 (113),
  currency10 (114),
  -- Efficiency
  btu-per-hour-per-watt (?), -- Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)
  btu-per-watt-hour-seasonal (?), -- Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER),
  -- cooling/watt-hour
  -- or Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF),
  -- heat/watt-hour
  coefficient-of-performance (?), -- Energy transferred per energy consumed (COP)
  coefficient-of-performance-seasonal (?), -- Energy transfer per energy consumed over a season
  -- (SCOP)
  kilowatt-per-ton-refrigeration (?), -- Cooling efficiency using short tons refrigeration
  lumens-per-watt (?),
  -- Electrical
  milliamperes (2),
  amperes (3),
  amperes-per-meter (167),
  amperes-per-square-meter (168),
  ampere-square-meters (169),
  decibels (199),
  decibels-millivolt (200),
  decibels-volt (201),
  farads (170),
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