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Description

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Scope

The scope of this Acceptable Solution is restricted to risk group WB. This covers buildings, or parts of buildings, where people work.

These include the following, provided they are no more than 20 storeys high (from ground level):

- a) Offices (including professional services such as law and accountancy practices)
- b) Industrial buildings such as factories, processing and manufacturing plants (excluding foamed plastics). May include temperature controlled storage up to a maximum area of 500 m² with a maximum capable of storage height of 5.0 m.
- c) Buildings or parts of buildings capable of less than 5.0 m storage height
- ca) Warehouses and storage buildings capable of storage of 5.0 m or greater but with a height to apex of less than 8.0 m and building floor area of less than 4200 m²

- d) Temperature controlled storage capable of less than 3.0 m high storage height
- e) Laboratories
- f) Light aircraft hangars,
- g) Normally unoccupied buildings such as buildings containing plant or fixed machinery only, and
- h) Spray painting operations, whether or not within a spray booth.

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