



Technical Bulletin

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Issue

Is it correct to import a 0 value in a field?

Requirement

PACP version 2.2, 4.2 and 4.4 files allow null values in fields; default values are not used. For example if a measurement field like manhole depth is left blank by the inspector, the software vendor should not export the depth as 0 but instead leave the field blank as the inspector did. However, if the inspector chooses to put a 0 in the field then the software vendor should export the value used.

Conclusion

Any software vendor that is restricting the import of a survey because there is a 0 in a field should correct their import. Any software vendor who is entering values into fields during the export that were left null by the inspector should correct their export.