# INTERPRETATION IC 135-2020-17 OF
## ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 135-2020 BACnet® –
### A Data Communication Protocol for Building
### Automation and Control Networks

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**Reference:** This request for interpretation refers to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020, Clause K.3.2, BIBB - Scheduling-Internal-B (SCHED-I-B) and the requirements of the Exception_Schedule property.

**Background:** Clause K.3.2 explicitly defines the specific requirements for writability of Weekly_Schedule, List_Of_Object_Property_Reference, and Priority_For_Writing properties but does not require the Exception_Schedule property be writable. No other Scheduling BIBB requires the Exception_Schedule be writable.

No BIBB allows a device to contain a writable Weekly_Schedule and non-writable Exception_Schedule. SCHED-R-B require non-writable Weekly_Schedule and Exception_Schedule properties. SCHED-WS-I-B require a writable Weekly_Schedule and the Exception_Schedule property cannot be present.

Since Revision 4 of the Schedule object, many of the SCHED-I-B tests require a writable Exception_Schedule to perform the tests.

**Interpretation:** A device that contains a Schedule object with a non-writable Exception_Schedule property cannot claim the SCHED-I-B BIBB.

**Question:** Is this Interpretation correct?

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:** In this context "…shall support a non-empty Exception_Schedule…" implies writability.