



- 2: N – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $n$ , the order of the matrix  $B$ .  
*Constraint:*  $N \geq 0$ .
- 3: KB – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:*  $k$ , the number of super-diagonals of the matrix  $B$  if UPLO = 'U', or the number of sub-diagonals if UPLO = 'L'.  
*Constraint:*  $KB \geq 0$ .
- 4: BB(LDBB,\*) – *real* array *Input/Output*  
**Note:** the second dimension of the array BB must be at least  $\max(1, N)$ .  
*On entry:* the  $n$  by  $n$  symmetric positive-definite band matrix  $B$ , stored in rows 1 to  $k + 1$ . More precisely, if UPLO = 'U', the elements of the upper triangle of  $B$  within the band must be stored with element  $b_{ij}$  in  $BB(k + 1 + i - j, j)$  for  $\max(1, j - k) \leq i \leq j$ ; if UPLO = 'L', the elements of the lower triangle of  $B$  within the band must be stored with element  $b_{ij}$  in  $BB(1 + i - j, j)$  for  $j \leq i \leq \min(n, j + k)$ .  
*On exit:*  $B$  is overwritten by the elements of its split Cholesky factor  $S$ .
- 5: LDBB – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the first dimension of the array BB as declared in the (sub)program from which F08UFF (SPBSTF/DPBSTF) is called.  
*Constraint:*  $LDBB \geq KB + 1$ .
- 6: INFO – INTEGER *Output*  
*On exit:* INFO = 0 unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

INFO < 0

If INFO =  $-i$ , the  $i$ th parameter had an illegal value. An explanatory message is output, and execution of the program is terminated.

INFO > 0

If INFO =  $i$ , the factorization could not be completed, because the updated element  $b_{ii}$  would be the square root of a negative number. Hence  $B$  is not positive-definite. This may indicate an error in forming the matrix  $B$ .

## 7 Accuracy

The computed factor  $S$  is the exact factor of a perturbed matrix  $B + E$ , where

$$|E| \leq c(k + 1)\varepsilon|S^T||S|,$$

$c(k + 1)$  is a modest linear function of  $k + 1$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is the *machine precision*. It follows that  $|e_{ij}| \leq c(k + 1)\varepsilon\sqrt{(b_{ii}b_{jj})}$ .

## **8 Further Comments**

The total number of floating-point operations is approximately  $n(k+1)^2$ , assuming  $n \gg k$ .

A call to this routine may be followed by a call to F08UEF (SSBGST/DSBGST) to solve the generalized eigenproblem  $Az = \lambda Bz$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are banded and  $B$  is positive-definite.

The complex analogue of this routine is F08UTF (CPBSTF/ZPBSTF).

## **9 Example**

See Section 9 of the document for F08UEF (SSBGST/DSBGST).

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