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The Chief Executive  
Unitary, Metropolitan, District and  
London Borough Councils in England  
County and County Borough  
Councils in Wales  
The Town Clerk, City of London  
The Clerk, Council of the Isles of Scilly  
The Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple  
The Under Treasurer, Middle Temple

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Councils in Wales  
City of London  
Council of the Isles of Scilly

Approved Inspectors

cc: The Chief Executive:  
County Councils in England  
National Park Authorities in England &  
Wales

The Chief Fire Officer: Fire Authorities in  
England and Wales

13 March 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

### **The Building (Amendment) Regulations 2012**

I am writing to inform you of the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/718). The Regulations were made on 7 March 2012 and come into force on 6 April 2012.

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## **Publications**

DCLG Circular 01/2012 which sets out the amendments in detail. The Circular is available at:

[www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/buildingregulations/circularscircular/circularscircular/](http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/buildingregulations/circularscircular/circularscircular/)

## **Application to Wales**

The power to make building regulations which apply to Wales was transferred to Welsh Ministers (with one relevant exception) as from 31 December 2011. The one exception applicable to this instrument is that the Secretary of State still has the power to make building regulations for excepted energy buildings in Wales. This is explained more fully in Circular 01/2012.

The changes made by S.I. 2012/718 thus apply only in England and to excepted energy buildings in Wales. It will be for Welsh Ministers to decide whether to make similar changes applying to Wales other than to excepted energy buildings.

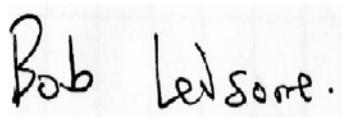
## **Competent person schemes**

The amendments in S.I.2012/718 make a number of changes to the list of competent person schemes in Schedule 3 to the Building Regulations 2010. These are more fully set out in the Amendment Regulations and in Circular 01/2012.

## **Enquiries**

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Ledsome." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

**Bob Ledsome**

Deputy Director

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