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## **Regulation 7 of the Building Regulations 1991 and the Approved Document to support Regulation 7 "Materials and workmanship"**

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**2. Member State**

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**3. Department Responsible**

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**3. Originating Department**

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

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#### **6. Products Concerned**

No specific product. The regulation relates to all products in that it essentially stipulates that all materials used in work to which the Building Regulations apply should be fit for their purpose, and the Approved Document sets out ways in which fitness for purpose may be established.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The proposed changes include:

The redrafting of Regulation 7 to make it a functional requirement, which is in line with the rest of the Building Regulations. The current detailed listing of ways of demonstrating compliance has been removed, as it is felt that such detailed guidance on what constitutes proper materials, should correctly be in the Approved Document and not in the regulation itself.

In the Approved Document there is full recognition of equivalent standards and testing. The section on CE marking has been completely reworked to more closely reflect what is considered to be the current position, and also to attempt to make it easier to understand. There is a new section, headed British Standards, which deals with the way that British Standards are being transposed into European standards, and how they should be treated during the transition period. The section that was formerly "Technical approvals" has now been transposed into a new section entitled "Other national and international technical specifications".

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC (83/189/EEC) (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The regulation and Approved Document are not new, but are updates of the existing ones. There have been a number of changes in the field of standards since the current versions were published in 1992, and this revision is necessary to bring the guidance up to date. There is a shift from specifically citing British Board of Agrément Certificates to the use of certificates issued by European Technical



Approvals issuing bodies.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

a. This document is accompanied by three copies of the draft new edition of the Approved Document to support Regulation 7 which would replace the current one if legislative amendments are made. The draft text of the new regulation is incorporated in the document.

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**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

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