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Changes to Part L (Conservation of fuel and power) of the Building Regulations

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2012/0099/UK - B00

5. Title

Changes to Part L (Conservation of fuel and power) of the Building Regulations

6. Products Concerned

The Building Regulations provide for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of those in and around buildings and the sustainability of buildings for current and future generations. In order to do this they set standards through both technical and procedural requirements for those carrying out building work. Therefore this notification has relevance for services including design and construction services for controlled building works and related construction products.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Building Regulations 2010 provide for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of those in and around buildings, setting technical and procedural requirements for those carrying out building work. Statutory guidance on ways of meeting the functional requirements of these regulations are provided in Approved Documents.

The proposed changes to Part L are set out in the amendments to the Part L (Conservation of fuel and power) Approved Documents and domestic and non-domestic building services compliance guides and are as follows (phased in between late 2012 and 2014):

- tighten CO₂ emission performance standards for new homes and non-domestic buildings
- new kWh/m²/year energy demand standard for new homes
- tighter fabric/services performance standards for works to existing buildings (domestic windows and doors, and domestic/non-domestic extensions)
- introduce requirements for additional energy efficiency improvements to be carried out when other specified works (e.g. extensions) are being carried out to existing homes and non-domestic buildings, and where finance is available to building occupiers to remove the upfront costs (e.g. through the 'Green Deal' scheme - notification 2011/613/UK).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Building Regulations typically apply at original point of build, subsequent conversion and renovation, and on replacement of specified fixed components and systems. Part L of the Building Regulations sets requirements for the conservation of fuel and power on a functional basis.

Reducing carbon emissions from the building stock is essential for the UK to meet its Climate Change Act 2008 targets. The UK has committed to legally binding greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of at least 34% by 2020 and at least 80% by 2050 (relative to 1990 levels), with legally binding five-year carbon budgets governing the trajectory to the 2050 target.



Building Regulations should be used to achieve this where the market would not make these changes of its own accord. Market failures include the cost of climate change not being fully reflected in energy prices, lack of information about energy efficiency opportunities and limited incentives to make improvements. Action at the point of build 'locks in' low carbon technologies and efficient design, reducing energy/heat demand. Regulation also has a role in ensuring that where renovations are taking place, owners use this opportunity to improve the energy performance of their buildings.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft is in conformity with an international standard

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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