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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR), Construction Directorate. Building
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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Building materials in general

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The revision includes proposals to replace current requirements on sound insulation between dwellings, and between dwellings and other buildings. The scope of the requirement is to be broadened to include hostel-type accommodation and hotels. New requirements will be introduced on sound insulation between rooms within a dwelling, sound insulation of dwellings against external noise, and on the control of reverberation in common parts of flats, etc. A new requirement will include acoustic conditions in schools.

It is proposed to remove Part E from Building Regulation 8 as it is concerned with welfare as well as health, and to introduce a new Regulation to give Building Control Bodies the powers to demand pre-completion testing of sound insulation. The revision also updates the index adopted for insulation against airborne sound.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when the revised Approved Document E is officially published. The DETR Circular issued at the time of publication of the Approved Document that implements the Regulations shall contain a reference to this Directive.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This aims to improve the sound insulation between dwellings and other spaces, by raising standards and amending the approved technical guidance published as Approved Document E on ways in which compliance can be demonstrated.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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The draft revision of Part E of the Building Regulations can also be seen in full at <http://www.construction.detr.gov.uk/conindex.htm>.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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