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Changes to the Building Regulations Approved Document Part B Volumes 1 and 2 to reflect the proposed Domestic Fire Safety and Building Regulations (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2013

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Message

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Hlásenie-Obvestilo - Ilmoitus - Anmälan - Нотификация : 2013/0188/UK - Notificare.

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 késéket - 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 - Не се 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

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

B20 - Safety

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The regulation will require that each residence (to which the regulation applies) must be provided with an automatic fire suppression system, that the system is operating effectively and that the fire suppression system complies with such requirements as may be prescribed by Welsh Ministers.

We propose to set out technical guidance in a revision to Building Regulations Approved Document Part B Volumes 1 and 2.

The proposed regulations will apply to

- * dwelling-houses;
- * flats;
- * residential care homes;
- * residential accommodation for pupils or students of a school, college, university or other educational institution;
- * rooms or group of rooms within a building if that room or those rooms are intended to be used for living and sleeping by a person or persons other than as part of a single household which occupies the whole of that building, and where a building contains one or more residences, includes any part of that building intended to be used by those occupying that residence or those residences for purposes ancillary to that occupation in common with one another or with other users of the building;
- * children's residential homes where these are organised as a single household;
- * boarding houses;
- * types of hostel which could be intended for long term "living" (such as hostels for homeless people).

We propose that the new regulations will come into force in Spring (estimate April) 2014.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Available data from the last 10 years showed that on average 17 deaths and 503 injuries per year have resulted



from fires in residential properties in Wales.

The Welsh Government's view is that, notwithstanding the reduction in the number of deaths from fires in the home that had occurred over the previous last ten years, the number of deaths and injuries is still too high. The overall policy outcome we are seeking to achieve is to reduce deaths and injuries from fire in new and converted residential premises in Wales. We seek to achieve this by requiring fire suppression systems to be installed in certain new and converted domestic residences in Wales.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The notification is in relation to the Approved Documents Part B Volumes 1 and 2.(statutory Technical Guidance Documents) which are the vehicle for the technical changes. The actual Building Regulations will be amended (reflecting the proposed Fire Safety and Building Regulations (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2013) and this will reflect the changes in the statutory guidance documents. The actual regulations will not have any detail in relation to technical changes as these are reflected in the statutory guidance documents.

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 has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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