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## **The Building Regulations 1991 Draft amendments to Approved Document M (Access and facilities for disabled people)**

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**2. Member State**

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**5. Title**

The Building Regulations 1991  
Draft amendments to Approved Document M (Access and facilities for disabled people)

**6. Products Concerned**

Few products, if any, are covered directly, but the requirements will have implications for the design of doors, stairs and lifts.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

A. The application of requirements M1 to M3 has been extended to dwellings but remains unchanged for non-domestic buildings. Requirement M4 also remains unchanged. Associated guidance has been extended to cover application of the requirements to dwellings, but guidance for non-domestic buildings remains unchanged. Amendment of 'Materials and Workmanship' section of the Approved Document takes account of EEA Agreement.

Recognition of equivalent standards and testing is given in the standard Introduction being incorporated into this and all new editions of Approved Documents.

B. The UK would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety & security.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The proposals are to extend Part M to cover new dwellings, in addition to non-domestic buildings that are already covered. These proposals stem from the Government's commitment to social inclusion and will directly benefit disabled people in terms of increased convenience, accessibility and sociability.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

- a. This notification is being accompanied by a copy of the draft new combined edition of Approved Document M which will replace the current edition dealing only with non-domestic buildings, when the amendments are made.
- b. Approved Document M (Notification 91/0032/UK)
- c. -

**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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