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## Changes to Part L (Conservation of Fuel & Power) of the Building Regulations for Wales

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### Message

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

2014/0104/UK - B00

#### **5. Title**

Changes to Part L (Conservation of Fuel & Power) of the Building Regulations for Wales

#### **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:

- Higher standards of energy performance for new and existing buildings (including improved fabric standards and use of alternative technologies);
- Improved standards where existing buildings are renovated or extended; and
- Proposed revisions to the domestic and non domestic Building Services Compliance Guides and a summary of proposed changes to the National Calculation Methodology for both homes and non domestic buildings

These changes will come into force on 31 July 2014.

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

Under the Climate Change Act 2008, 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.

The Welsh Government Climate Change Strategy for Wales sets a target of a 3% year on year reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in areas it controls. The supporting Delivery Plan for Emission Reduction sets out the policies and programmes that will help meet the 3% target. The Plan sets out the actions being taken in Wales and highlights key UK and EU policies and wider contributions. The transfer of Building Regulations to Wales presents a means with which the Welsh Government can influence reduction of emissions in the built environment both in terms of new buildings and the existing stock.



Around 45% (27% from homes and 18% from non domestic) of UK carbon dioxide emissions come from buildings, principally space heating and cooling, water heating, lighting and other fixed systems – energy uses which are covered by the Building Regulations. Energy used by industrial processes and plug-in appliances (computers, white goods, televisions, etc.) is not covered by the Regulations except in so much as it impacts on the energy performance of the building.

Building Regulations greatly influence how our buildings are constructed and used. As such, they help to deliver significant benefits to society. Regulation can also impose costs on both businesses and individuals. The “functional” nature of the Building Regulations, by having regulation setting out the broad requirement rather than prescribing how it must be achieved, seeks to minimise this cost and also ensure innovation is not hindered.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References of the Basic Texts: The Building (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2014 - Explanatory Note

#### **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

Yes

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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