Notification Number: 2014/488/UK

# Nationally Described Space Standard – technical requirements See attached documents referenced: - Nationally Described Space Standard – technical requirements Consultation draft

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# Message

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Communication from the Commission - TRIS/(2014) 02944 Directive 98/34/EC

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje 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 késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika 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

UK

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

Nationally Described Space Standard – technical requirements

See attached documents referenced:

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## 6. Products Concerned

Planning authorities retain the ability to require residential development meets certain specific requirements. This standard sets out spatial requirements for the internal area and size of new housing. 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

8. Main Content

The Government has developed a nationally described space standard to offer a consistent set of requirements with regard to the size of new homes. This will be applied in some areas through local planning policy. Local authorities will not be required to adopt a space standard, but where they choose to do so, it should be the nationally described space standard. Should they wish to adopt a policy on space standards in their Local Plans, local authorities will need to assess and evidence the impact and effect of that policy on development in their local area.

# 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In the case of the nationally described standard (on space), it is expected that the planning authority will have the opportunity to oversee the monitoring of the condition as part of the normal planning application follow up process. We are also exploring whether there is a role for building control bodies to check if compliance can be demonstrated from plan drawings.

Importantly, this new system represents a major simplification and regularisation of the current system for managing standards. As such it is expected not only to result in a significant drop in administrative costs, both for developers and authorities, but also present an opportunity to streamline improved compliance.

# 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
12. Grounds for the Emergency
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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