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The Building Act 1984. The Building Regulations 2000. Part M – Access to and use of buildings

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Message

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom.

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). Fire, Health and Safety Directorate. Building Regulations Division.

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Building Act 1984. The Building Regulations 2000. Part M – Access to and use of buildings



6. Products Concerned

Building materials in general.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The current Approved Document M is the 1999 Edition relating to the Building Regulations 1991 which deals with access and facilities for disabled people in new buildings.. The proposal relates to that part of the current Approved Document that deals with non-domestic buildings only. It extends the scope of coverage to include work to existing buildings and provides new guidance on access to buildings, access into buildings, horizontal and vertical circulation in buildings, facilities in buildings and sanitary accommodation in buildings.

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

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main purpose of the proposals is to update the approved technical guidance published as Approved Document M on ways in which compliance can be demonstrated. The grounds for so doing are that current guidance does not take account of a new and comprehensive British Standard, BS 8300 'Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people – Code of Practice' and is outdated in the context of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 Part III, the final phase of which comes into effect in October 2004.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The Building Act 1984. The Building Regulations 2000. Proposals for amending Part M – Access to and use of buildings. A Consultation Package issued by Building Regulations Division. The draft measure is at numbered pages 71 – 155. The full consultation document can also be seen at <http://www.safety.odpm.gov.uk/bregs/consult/access/pdf/partm.pdf>.

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

a) Information on the impact assessment can be found on numbered page 17

16. TBT and SPS aspects

Building Regulations Division is considering its response and will advise in due course

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