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## Building Regulations 1991 Approved Document B (Fire safety)

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plazo - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Geen termijnbegin - Nao inicia o prazo - Määräaika ei  
ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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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**

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

**4. Notification Number**

1999/0350/UK



## 5. Title

Building Regulations 1991 Approved Document B (Fire safety)

## 6. Products Concerned

Guidance on the use of materials and products to address all aspects of fire safety in the construction of buildings.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

Approved Document B was notified previously (98/0075/UK), after which time several amendments have been made to it. It is this additional text that is being notified here. Guidance has been added, firstly for fire alarm and detection systems to buildings other than dwellings (see 1.23 to 1.32 in attachment), and secondly for flexible membrane covered structures (see 7.9 in attachment). Please note that the Requirement B1 (of the Building Regulations 1991) will need to be expanded to accommodate the new guidance on fire alarm and detection systems, but as this is a functional requirement it cannot in itself be considered a barrier to trade.

Where the amendments reference British Standards, equivalence is recognised as per the mutual recognition clause stated in the Approved Document.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

It should be noted that whilst having a statutory basis by virtue of the Building Act 1984, Approved Document B is a guidance document only, and therefore is not mandatory.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

This notification is accompanied by an attachment containing the additional text which it is proposed to add to Approved Document B.

The full draft Approved Document B was notified previously - Notification No. 98/0075/UK.

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

No

14. No



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