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## **Amendments to Approved Document G : Water efficiency standard of the Building Regulations. See attached documents referenced: - Draft Approved Document G: water efficiency standard**

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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 késéset - 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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#### **2. Member State**

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

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#### **5. Title**

Amendments to Approved Document G : Water efficiency standard of the Building Regulations.

See attached documents referenced:

- Draft Approved Document G: water efficiency standard

#### **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.

Since March 2014 the Government has introduced, through the Deregulation Bill, amendments to the Building Act 1984 to enable Building Regulations to set what are called "optional requirements". These are requirements set at a level above the basic minimum in the Building Regulations 2010, which can be applied by a planning authority as a planning condition, where justified by need and subject to viability

The proposed changes will lay amendments to the Building Regulations 2010 in early 2015, which will include optional requirements in the area of water efficiency.

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

Minimum water efficiency standards were introduced into the Building Regulations in 2010. The provisions require that all new homes are designed so that their calculated water use is no more than 125 litres per person per day. Water use is calculated by using the methodology set out in the Water Efficiency Calculator for New Dwellings ("the Water Calculator").

The principal regulatory change to deliver the water efficiency element of the Housing Standards Review is to



regulation 36 of the Building Regulations 2010. Regulation 36 currently requires that all new dwellings are designed so that their estimated average water consumption is no more than 125 litres per person per day. This will be amended to introduce an optional requirement of 110 litres per person per day. This will apply where planning permission is granted with a condition that the optional requirement must be complied with.

The Approved Document will also include the ability to comply with Regulation 36 using a fittings approach as an alternative to using "the Water Calculator".

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

No Basic Text exists

**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

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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