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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)

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Construction products (including heating, hot water, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting services products) and the services associated with the design and execution of construction works whether for new buildings or for alterations or extensions to existing ones.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The consultation package contains the following sections:

Section 1 - the draft Regulatory Impact Assessment giving an assessment of the impact, benefits and costs of the proposals in the light of the UK policies on climate change and energy efficiency;

Sections 2 to 5 - drafts of proposed new Building Regulations Approved Documents that would, if implemented, significantly raise the energy performance standards that apply in England and Wales whenever building work is carried out to construct new buildings and alter or extend existing ones;

Section 6 - Future Performance Standards giving forecasts of the performance standards that could be introduced in England and Wales in a further amendment around 2010;

Section 7 - Proposals for Implementing the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in England and Wales;

Section 8 - Calculation Methodologies: a situation report on the development of the UK calculation methodology for buildings that are not dwellings as required by Article 3 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. The Government's Standard Assessment Procedure for Energy Rating of Dwellings is being revised to take account of Article 3 and the Annex to the Directive and the working draft of this has been published for comment at www.bre.co.uk/sap2005;

Section 9 - Adaptation Strategy: proposals for taking account of climate change in the future development of Building Regulations energy performance requirements,

Section 10 - a Dissemination Strategy proposing ways to make people aware of the proposed changes, to help them understand the practical implications, and put them into practice.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In the Energy White Paper (EWP) the UK Government confirmed the need to counter the impacts of global warming set out goals for cutting UK carbon dioxide emissions as its contribution to international mitigation efforts. The White Paper also addressed issues of fuel scarcity and energy infrastructure renewal in the UK. About half of all UK carbon dioxide emissions come from burning fossil fuels used to provide energy for buildings so building energy efficiency is seen as a key goal. The EWP signalled the aim of bringing the next revision of the energy efficiency provisions in the Building Regulations into effect in 2005.

The EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive obliges Member States to introduce requirements setting building energy performance standards, making energy performance certificates available whenever buildings are constructed or sold or rented out, and setting up regular energy performance inspections for boilers and air conditioning systems. Member States have to introduce the measures needed to comply with the Directive's requirements by 04 January 2006.



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10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The document can also be seen at

http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_control/documents/contentservertemplate/odpm_index.hcst?n=4963&

The proposals would amend the Building Regulations 2000, SI 2000:2531 that apply in England and Wales. The Government's Standard Assessment Procedure for Energy Rating of Dwellings Draft 2005 Edition can be seen at (www.bre.co.uk/sap2005)

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

Information on the impact assessment can be found starting at page 7.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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