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## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

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### Message

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Directive 98/34/EC

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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 késések - 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

UK

#### 3. Department Responsible

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#### 3. Originating Department

Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland.

#### 4. Notification Number



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## 5. Title

The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

## 6. Products Concerned

Technical uplifts to Parts C (Preparation of site and resistance to moisture), F (Conservation of fuel and power), G (Sound insulation of dwellings), K (Ventilation), L (Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems) and P (Sanitary appliances and unvented hot water storage systems) and their accompanying Technical Booklets. Removal from Technical Booklet E of the alternative design option in relation to roofspace conversions in 2-storey houses.

Provision of a new Technical Booklet supporting Part B (Materials & workmanship).

A move from the provision of “deemed-to-satisfy” solutions to a guidance-based system for all Technical Parts and consequential amendments and revisions to Part A (Interpretation and general).

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

In relation to Part A - updated administrative procedures relating to applications for approval;

In relation to Part B – provision of guidance on the fitness of materials and workmanship to meet the technical requirements of building regulations;

In relation to Part C – revision of radon requirements to reflect revised designated Radon Affected Areas;

In relation to Part E - removal from Technical Booklet E of the alternative design option in relation to roofspace conversions in 2-storey houses.

In relation to Part F - an average reduction in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from new buildings (without being prescriptive on the methods for achieving these standards) of 25% below current standards which came into operation in 2006;

In relation to Part G – the introduction of more onerous sound insulation standards, the expansion of the requirements to include schools and colleges, and a requirement for pre-completion testing of sound insulation which may be satisfied by the use of accredited details as an alternative to testing;

In relation to Part K – amendments to ensure the continuous delivery of fresh air to the indoor environment;

In relation to Part L – a new requirement to provide a carbon monoxide alarm when a combustion appliance is installed or replaced; and

In relation to Part P – provisions to reduce the risk of scalding from domestic hot water supply.

Deemed-to-satisfy solutions for all technical Parts have been replaced with guidance;

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To make provision for new and amended powers brought about by the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Amendment Act 2009, such as new procedures relating to dwelling type-approvals. To facilitate UK commitment to reducing carbon emissions as part of a move towards zero-carbon buildings by the end of the decade. To give visible recognition to new or updated Eurocodes where appropriate.



## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Draft Technical Booklets as below:

- DFP Technical Booklet B: Materials and workmanship;
- DFP Technical Booklet C: Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture;
- DFP Technical Booklet F1: Conservation of fuel and power in dwellings;
- DFP Technical Booklet F2: Conservation of fuel and power in buildings other than dwellings;
- DFP Technical Booklet G: Resistance to the passage of sound;
- DFP Technical Booklet K: Ventilation;
- DFP Technical Booklet L: Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems; and
- DFP Technical Booklet P: Sanitary appliances, hot water storage systems and reducing the risk of scalding.

## 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 has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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