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Changes to Part A (Structure) of the Building Regulations in England: Eurocodes

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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 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

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Changes to Part A (Structure) of the Building Regulations in England: Eurocodes

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 and set 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. Approved Document A currently makes reference to British Standards that can be used to establish a level of structural safety required by Part A (Structural safety) of Schedule One to the Building Regulations. The Standards currently referenced are those that were in place in 2004 when Approved Document A was last updated.

We are consulting on a proposal to align the references and associated guidance in Approved Document A with the current British Standards for structural design that are based on the Eurocodes.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

On 31 March 2010 British Standards Institution, the UK national standards body, declared the structural design British Standards referenced in the current Approved Document A withdrawn.

BSi has published replacement harmonised British Standards based on the Eurocodes. Eurocodes were developed over decades by the European Commission and the European standards body CEN, (involving the British Standards Institution (BSi) for the UK), to remove barriers to trade created by different national design approaches across the EU. The Commission has outlined expectations that EU Member States will support this harmonisation and market liberalisation by ensuring national regulations refer to standards based upon the Eurocodes. For the Building Regulations this would be achieved by aligning references and associated guidance in the Approved Documents with the Eurocodes.

Furthermore the withdrawn standards will no longer be maintained and will become increasingly out-of-date. Referencing only the withdrawn British Standards may be seen as presenting an increasing risk that guidance would, over time, not deliver the level of structural safety intended.

The proposed revision of Approved Document A, which includes updates of these British Standards references



and associated guidance, is to safeguard against any such adverse impacts.

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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