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# Building regulations – proposals to amend standards and guidance addressing fire safety in new buildings under the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

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# Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje 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 késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika 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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### 4. Notification Number

2019/0090/UK - B00

### 5. Title

Building regulations – proposals to amend standards and guidance addressing fire safety in new buildings under the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

### 6. Products Concerned

Scottish Building Regulations provide for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of people in and around buildings, the conservation of fuel and power and the the achievement of sustainable development. These regulations set requirements for those carrying out building work. Notification is relevant as guidance on compliance with building regulations offers an example of solutions that will meet mandatory requiements; including citation of performance standards for products used in the construction of buildings.

The draft measure set out in this application relates to action taken, in response to the application of building regulations, to address the risk from fire to occupants of the building and to the fire and rescue service.

# 7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

Under The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended), building regulations set requirements for fire safety where new building are constructed and where new building work is undertaken. The application of the mandatory functional standards set out in regulations are supported by published guidance within two 'Technical Handbooks' setting out advice on one common way of complying with the standards. The draft measure sets out proposed changes to both standards and supporting guidance in Section 2 (fire) within the Domestic and Non-domestic Technical Handbooks.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

A review of current standards for fire safety in new buildings was undertaken to improve building safety, with a focus on risks that occur in taller or more complex buildings.

Review identified a range of actions in the following areas:

simplification of reference to fire performance standards for products;

specification of external wall cladding systems in high rise domestic buildings, entertainment and assembly buildings and residential care and hospital buildings;

means of escape in high rise domestic buildings; and

fire service activated evacuation sounders.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Building regulations are published as two separate documents, covering domestic and non-domestic buildings respectively. The curret edition of each document is published at: Domestic Technical Handbook -

https://www.gov.scot/publications/building-standards-2017-non-domestic/

11.	Invocation	of the	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Procedure</b>

No

# 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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# 13. Confidentiality

No

# 14. Fiscal measures

No

# 15. Impact assessment

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## 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

Yes

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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