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Changes to Part C (Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture) of the Building Regulations: Radon

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία 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 C (Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture) of the Building Regulations:
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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 C currently provides guidance relating to contaminants including guidance on radon probability maps and protective measures. The Standards currently referenced are those that were in place in 2004 when Approved Document C was last updated.

We are consulting on the proposal to update Approved Document C to align the current policy of targeted intervention with the 2007 radon maps.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Since 1988 the contaminants addressed by Part C have included radon. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive colourless and odourless gas that can seep out of the ground and build up in houses, buildings, and indoor workplaces. Exposure to radon is now recognised as the second largest cause of lung cancer in the UK after smoking and analysis for the Health Protection Agency indicates that about 1100 UK deaths from lung cancer each year are caused by exposure to radon (most caused jointly by radon and smoking).

The proposed revision of Approved Document C seeks to ensure that a building work is carried out to provide reasonable precautions to avoid danger to health and safety from contaminants including radon in the ground covered by and associated with the building.

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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