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## Sustainable New Homes: The Road to Zero Carbon - Consultation on the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Energy Efficiency Standard for Zero Carbon Homes.

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### Message

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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

UK

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#### 3. Originating Department

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

Sustainable New Homes: The Road to Zero Carbon - Consultation on the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Energy Efficiency Standard for Zero Carbon Homes.

#### 6. Products Concerned

Energy efficiency, waste management and water efficiency in buildings.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The draft seeks a number of changes to the Code for Sustainable Homes in 2010, to align with changes to Part L of the Building Regulations and the proposed approach to adopting the 2016 definition of zero carbon. The most significant changes include the following:

- \* To align the Code with the latest developments in the zero carbon homes policy - to enable it to continue to reflect the future regulatory trajectory and provide practical experience for developers and inform the development of detailed regulatory proposals for 2013 and beyond. This includes consulting on the new energy efficiency standard to be required of zero carbon homes;
- \* Streamlining the standard and processes - learning from experience to date, to ensure that the Code is focused on the issues of greatest significance and that we eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy; and
- \* Resolving problems that have arisen in use - seeking to find practical solutions to barriers that have arisen in the use of the Code so far, balancing sustainability policy aims with the practicalities of house building in the current economic climate.

This draft also puts forward proposed changes to credit issues such as Lifetime Homes, Home Security, surface water run-off and Waste as well as setting out issues that are being considered for further investigation in the future. It also seeks views on the energy efficiency definition to be incorporated into the definition of zero carbon homes from 2016 and whether that should be introduced into Building Regulations at an intermediate level from 2013.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) is a voluntary standard designed to improve the overall sustainability of new homes by setting a single framework within which the home building industry can design and construct homes to higher environmental standards. The Code is closely linked with the part of the Building Regulations that regulates carbon emissions and energy efficiency (Part L - Conservation of Fuel and Power). When Part L energy efficiency levels are tightened in 2010 the Code will need to change as well as parts will be below minimum standards. In anticipating this change, we are proposing a number of changes to align it with changes to Part L of the Building Regulations.



#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Code for Sustainable Homes Technical Guide - Consultation Version.

#### 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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