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THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 1985: DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO PART K: SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS (THE REGULATIONS APPLY TO ENGLAND AND WALES ONLY)

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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6. Products Concerned

FEW PRODUCTS ARE COVERED DIRECTLY BUT THE REQUIREMENT WILL
HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING BUILDING ELEMENTS:
STAIRS, GUARDING, RAMPS, HANDRAILS, PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR
BARRIERS.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

THE AKMENDMENTS TO THE RE1QUIREMENT AND APPROVED DOCUMENT FOR
PART K RELATE TO:

REVISED GUIDANCE ON: STAIRWAYS (DETAILS ON STEEPNESS, RISE
AND GOING), CONSTRUCTION OF STEPS, HEADROOM, WIDTH OF
FLIGHTS, LENGTH OF FLIGHTS, LANDINGS, SPECIAL STAIRWAYS
(SPIRALS, TAPERED TREAD), LADDERS ALTERNATING TREAD STAIRS,
MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING STAIRS, HANDRAILS AND GUARDING.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLY TO NEW BUILDINGS, ALTERATIONS AND
EXTENSIONS, BUT (IN GENERAL) DO NOT APPLY TO EXISTING
BUILDINGS. THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO SECURE THE HEALTH AND
SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL SUBSEUENTLY USE THE BUILDING AFTER
IT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED, OR WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY IT.

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10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO PART K (SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS)
DRAFT APPROVED DOCUMENT TO SUPPORT PART K
THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 1985 (SENT EARLIER, REF:
NOTIFICATION 89/0052/UK)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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