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Proposed new editions of the Approved Documents for L of the Building Regulations 2000.

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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

3. Department Responsible

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

3. Originating Department

Department for Communities and Local Government

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Proposed new editions of the Approved Documents for L of the Building Regulations 2000.

6. Products Concerned

Building services and materials in general

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Building Regulations 2000 are made under the Building Act 1984. The Building Regulations set out broad standards and requirements which individual aspects of building design and construction must achieve. These 'functional' requirements are also considered in a series of Approved Documents that provide general guidance on ways to meet these requirements, and include suggested practical solutions for some common building situations.

Part L of the Building Regulations deals with the conservation of fuel and power. The four current Part L Approved Documents came into operation in April 2006. We are consulting on revised versions of the four Approved Documents.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The revised Approved Documents reflect a number of legislative amendments which have come into effect recently as a result of amendments made to the Building Regulations 2000 in relation to the commissioning of building services and the coverage of competent persons schemes. Another purpose of the consultation is to comply with the judgement in the Judicial Review case in 2007 which concluded that the Department had not properly notified an element of the guidance with regards to reference to BRE Document BR443 to the European Commission. The consultation additionally deals with a number of errors in the 2006 Approved Documents which have come to light through feedback from the industry since initial publication, and proposals to try to make Approved Documents easier to read and to use.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The consultation package is enclosed and the draft text forms Annex C of the consultation document. This can also be seen at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/publications/consultations/>.

c) 2004/UK/0303/UK

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

The impact assessment for the 2006 amendment is attached. This document can also be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/143723.pdf>.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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