

Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment
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Subject: Authorization for Gradual Outsourcing of Technical Subtasks in Permit Review Processes

In accordance with the updated provisions under the Spatial Planning Reform Package (Omgevingswet, Amendment III), municipalities are hereby authorized to **contract out specific technical evaluations** involved in the assessment of building permit applications.

This measure is intended to:

- Improve throughput times in overloaded municipalities
- Leverage private sector expertise in structural and energy efficiency assessments
- Create a competitive environment to ensure quality and transparency

1. Scope of Permitted Outsourcing

The following subtasks may now be performed by certified external reviewers:

- Energy performance validation
- Fire safety simulations
- Seismic load analysis for special zones

All external parties must be registered with the National Permit Partner Registry (NPPR) and carry independent liability insurance.

2. Implementation Timeline

Municipalities may begin phased implementation **starting February 1st, 2011**, with voluntary early adoption permitted as of this circular's publication. A hybrid review model is allowed during the first 12 months.

3. Control and Compliance

While outsourcing is permitted, the **legal accountability for the decision remains with the municipality**. An internal sign-off is still required before any permits are approved.

A review of outsourcing effectiveness and compliance will take place in Q1 2012.

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