

EU-Construction Products Regulation as of 1st July 2013

Since 1st July 2013 the European Construction Products Regulation (CPR) replaced the existing Construction Products Directive (CPD). CPR is automatically valid in all EU member states with no need for supplemental implementation into country-specific national law. There are some changes and new additions affecting manufacturers and marketers as well as authorized importers and distributors of construction products.

As of 1st July 2013, all construction products on the market must comply with the regulation with special emphasis being placed on written declaration of performance and modified CE marking. This is a major change as affixing of CE marking.

In addition, some new terms have been introduced and others changed. Implementation of the new regulation in Germany must coincide with the fundamental restrictions of the Construction Products Adaptation Act (BauPGAnpG), also effective 1st July 2013.

Unchanged elements in the EU-Construction Products Regulation (CPR) include:

- Further regulation of the marketing and free movement of construction products under European law.
- Each EU member state continues to regulate construction according to national law.
- All previous coordinated documents drawn up according to the Construction Products Directive remain intact and valid until subsequent monitoring (<http://www.en1090.net>) and will be adjusted or replaced thereafter.

New elements in the EU-Construction Products Regulation (CPR) include:

- The “Basic Requirements for Construction” have been expanded and enhanced.
- CE marking of construction products according to the technical specification coordinated by manufacturers and distributors (with some exceptions) is mandatory; furthermore, CE marking is the only legally regulated marking which states that the construction product achieves its declared performance.
- In addition to the expanded manufacturer requirements, agent, importer and distributor obligations are now also regulated.
- The existing procedure for proving conformity has been replaced with “Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance”. After this procedure the manufacturer is required to complete the “Declaration of Performance” (DoP)

For detailed information on changes made by the CPR, please contact our team of experts.

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