

CE Marking for Plastic Piping Systems

This statement is intended as a guide for designers, stockists and users of plastic piping systems that are manufactured to European standards.

1. Introduction of the Construction Products Regulations

On the 1st July 2013, the Construction Products Directive was superseded by the Construction Products Regulations (CPR). This means that construction products placed on the market in the UK and either covered by a harmonised European standard (hEN) or conforming to a European Technical Assessment (ETA), will need to carry CE marking and will have to be accompanied by a Declaration of Performance.

2. Situation for plastics piping systems

CEN, the European committee for standardisation, has not yet published the necessary harmonised European standards that will allow CE marking of plastics pipework systems. This means that it is currently not possible and not legal to apply CE marking to, or issue a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for, plastics pipework systems in any of the following, end-use applications:

- Non-pressure soil and waste discharge
- Underground non-pressure drainage and sewerage
- Buried and above ground pressure piping
- Hot and cold water piping

In addition, plastic rainwater products (downpipes and gutters) have not received a mandate from CEN (European Committee for Standardisation) to draft harmonised European standards. It is, similarly, not possible (and not legal) to apply CE marking to, or issue a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for these products.

3. What happens next?

Plastics pipework can still be specified, sold and used under existing product approvals to recognised standards, in all Member States. This does not change.

We will endeavour to keep you updated with the situation regarding CE marking relative to plastic piping systems. You can be assured that our members' products meet all of the requirements and hold all the necessary approvals required to stock, sell, install or use throughout the UK.