

Plastic Pipes Group Position Statement

CE Marking for Plastic Piping Systems

1 Introduction of the Construction Products Regulations

On the 1st July 2013, the Construction Products Directive is superseded by the Construction Products Regulations (CPR). This means that construction products placed on the market in the UK and 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.

This document is intended as a guide for designers, stockists and users of Plastic Piping Systems that are manufactured to European standards.

2 Situation for plastics piping systems

CEN, the European committee for standardisation, has **not yet** published the necessary hEN standards that will allow CE marking of plastics pipework systems. This means that it is currently not possible and illegal to apply CE marking to any plastics pipework systems not covered by a hEN or an ETA, 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**

It is also impossible and illegal to issue a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for any of the above products.

3 What happens next?

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

BPF Plastic Pipes Group is working closely with BSI and CEN to ensure that the necessary hEN standards will be finalised and published, without delay.

CE marking of plastic pipework systems can only begin when these standards are published and accepted by the European Commission.

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 will meet all of the requirements /approvals required to stock, sell, install or use throughout the UK.