

Construction Products Regulations

As a company we have to be aware of the change in legislation regarding products used for construction. This has come about through both the United Kingdom's exit from the EU and the introduction of the new Building Safety Act. Therefore the following information provides an insight into what, we as a company, must understand in order to operate and supply materials for the built environment in the UK.

The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) in Great Britain provides guidance for placing construction products on the GB market, which includes England, Wales, and Scotland. Here are the key points:

Purpose:

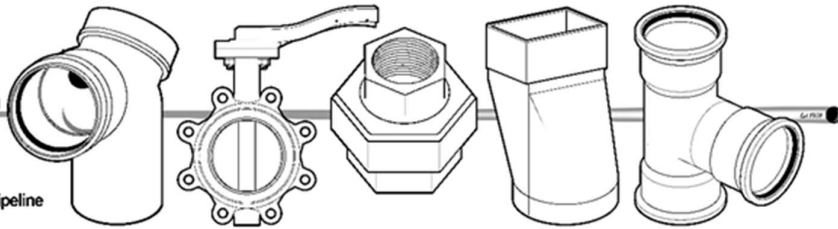
- The CPR outlines actions required by economic operators (such as manufacturers, importers, and distributors) who wish to supply construction products in Great Britain.
- It also provides information for UK-based conformity assessment bodies.
- Note that this guidance does not cover goods supplied to the Northern Ireland market or goods supplied to the GB market from Northern Ireland.

Key Information:

- The GB market refers to England, Wales, and Scotland.
- The CE mark recognition in GB is intended to end on 30 June 2025.
- To use the UKCA mark (UK Conformity Assessed), businesses must:
 - Use a UK approved body for testing and certification.
 - Ensure their products comply with designated standards or conform to a UK technical assessment.
- For goods placed on the European Union market, businesses should refer to the EU Construction Products Regulation and CE marking.

Legislation:

- The relevant legislation includes:
 - Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
 - Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020



Additional Information:

- This is on the official GOV.UK guidance on Construction Products Regulation in Great Britain.
- With reference to the above we also have to be aware of all legislative amendments via The Construction Products (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
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Conclusion

The Building Safety Act will create a clear, proportionate framework for the design, construction, and management of safer, high-quality residential buildings in the years to come.

It will strengthen the construction products regulatory regime, with new requirements to make sure all construction products on the UK market are safe for their intended use, with a National Regulator for Construction Products to monitor and enforce this.

There will be a new developer tax, and a levy on developers will ensure that industry contribute to setting things right.

New rights to redress will ensure those responsible for contributing to the building safety crisis are in line for costs to rectify their mistakes.