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Construction Products Regulations and Declaration of Performance

On 1st July 2013 the Construction Products Regulations 305/2011(CPR) came into force superceding the Construction Products Directive 89/106/EC.

Since this date it is mandatory for any construction product covered by a harmonised European standard (hEn) and which contains an Annex ZA, to be CE marked and a Declaration of Performance made available, when placed on the market in the UK or Member States.

The CPR aims to break down technical barriers to trade in construction products within the European Economic Area (EEA). To achieve this, the CPR provides for four main elements:

- a system of harmonised technical specifications
- an agreed system of conformity assessment for each product family
- a framework of notified bodies
- CE marking of products

The harmonised standard for a product defines EEA wide methods of assessing and declaring all the performance characteristics, which affect the ability of construction products to meet seven basic requirements:

- Mechanical resistance and safety
- Safety in case of fire
- Hygiene
- Safety in use
- Protection against noise
- Energy economy and heat retention
- Sustainable use of natural resources

It should be noted that not all construction products will bear the CE mark and that those products covered by a hEn and manufactured on, or after 1 July 2013 are CE marked.

For example, clay flue terminal Types 0, 1 and 2 from W T Knowles carry the CE mark and other markings required by the standard BS EN 13502:2002 but it should be noted that associated products used on redundant flues for example, will not carry the CE mark because they are outside the scope of the standard and have no essential characteristics.

The CE mark is not intended to indicate a particular quality level but that a product has been manufactured to a performance standard that defines the characteristics of the product

Where applicable, W T Knowles applies the CE mark to the actual product and/or product packaging

Specific Declarations of Performance and CE mark details can be downloaded from the W T Knowles website:

- www.wtknowles.co.uk

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